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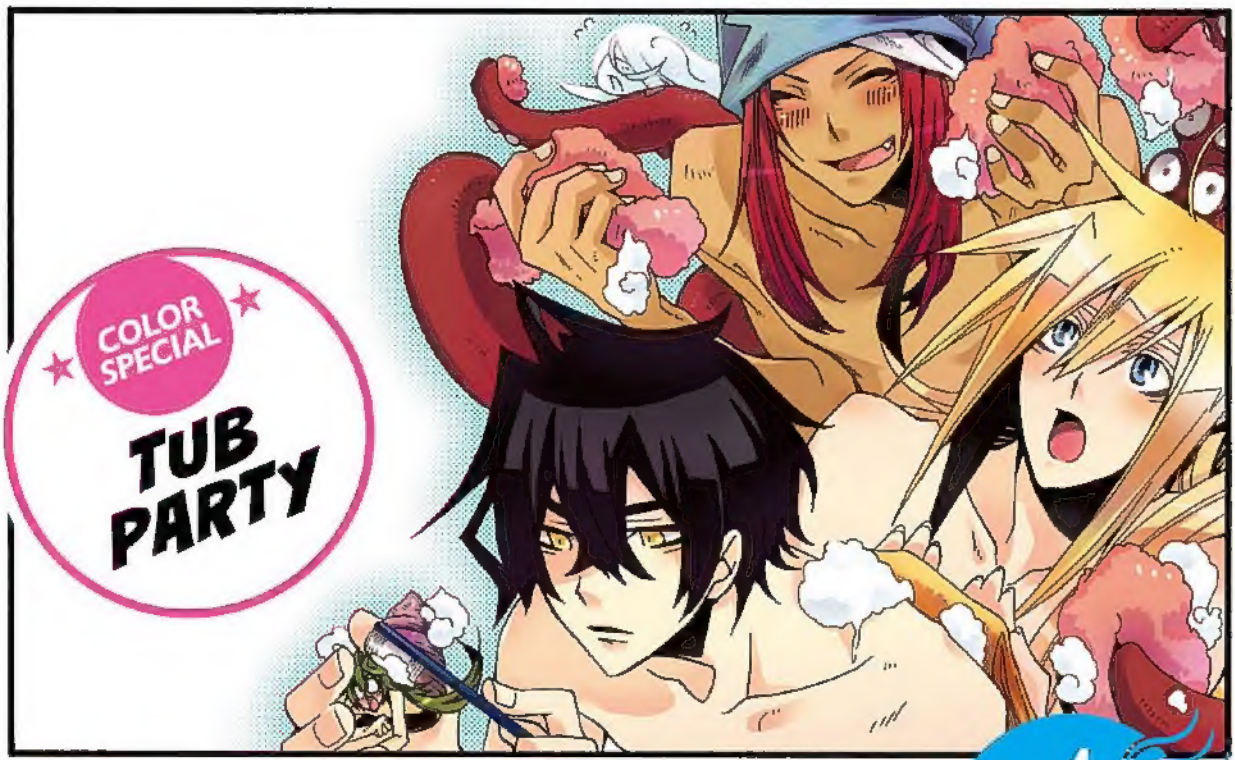

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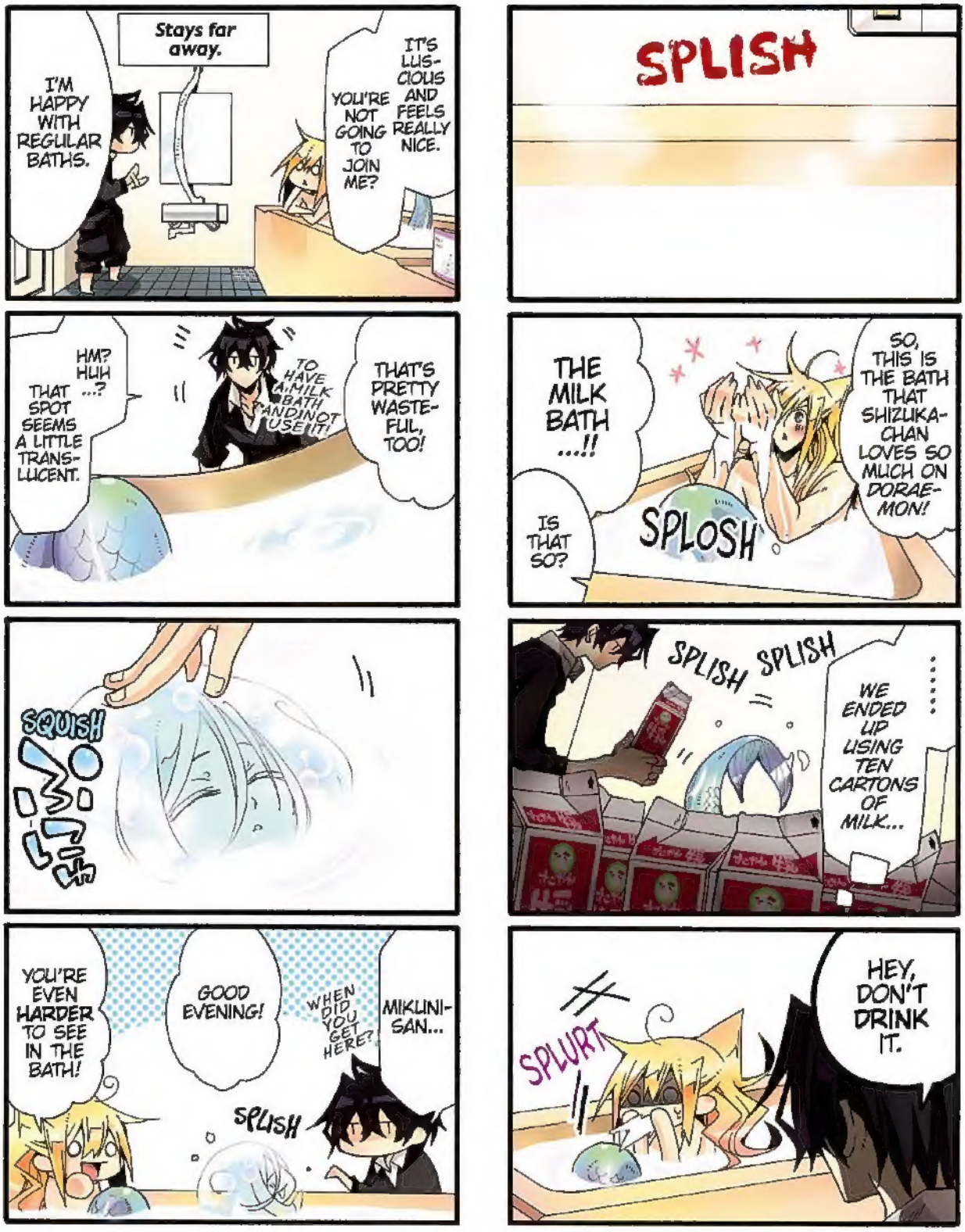
キラン!
GLEAM
IS THERE SOME-THING YOU WANT?
SO... WE CAN SPLURGE... JUST A LITTLE.
ARE YOU REALLY SURE?
YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME SPLURGE?
A LITTLE ...
ONLY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF COMMON SENSE...
AM... AM I GOING TO REGRET THIS...?
HEH HEH HEH HEH.


Stays far away.
I'M HAPPY WITH REGULAR BATHS.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JOIN ME?
IT'S LUSCIOUS AND FEELS REALLY NICE.
SPLISH
HM? HUH ...?
THAT SPOT SEEMS A LITTLE TRANSLUCENT.
TO HAVE A MILK BATH AND NOT USE IT!
THAT'S PRETTY WASTEFUL, TOO!
THE MILK BATH ...!!
IS THAT SO?
SPLOSH
SO, THIS IS THE BATH THAT SHIZUKA-CHAN LOVES SO MUCH ON DORAEMON!
SQUISH
SPLISH SPLISH
WE ENDED UP USING TEN CARTONS OF MILK...
YOU'RE EVEN HARDER TO SEE IN THE BATH!
GOOD EVENING!
WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
MIKUNI-SAN...
SPLISH
SPLURT
HEY, DON'T DRINK IT.

YOU'RE TOO LENIENT !!
YOU'RE TOO LENIENT WITH MIKUNI !!
SPLASH
SPLASH
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'LL BE SOAKING IN IT.
WELL ... DO WHAT YOU WANT.
BLURB BLURB

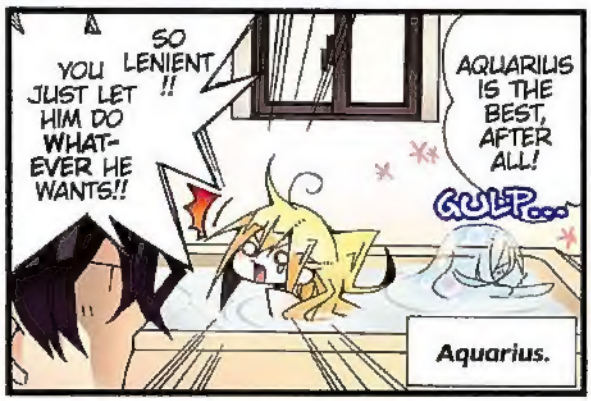
I HEARD YOU WERE HAVING A TUB PARTY AND DECIDED TO POP IN!
AND SO, I BROUGHT SOME SALTS MYSELF!
DID I EVER SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

SPLOSH
Coffee.

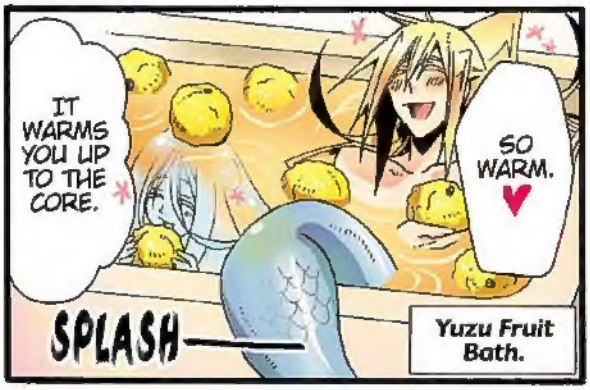
THESE... AREN'T BATH SALTS.
AQUARIUS
COFFEE

THE FEELING OF HARMONY...
Green Tea.

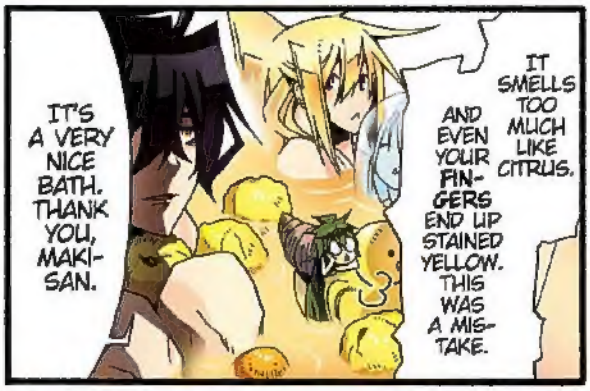
I THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY THEM BECAUSE OF ALL THE DIFFERENT COLORS...
SHOOT...
THEY'RE NOT?!
UNFORTUNATELY.

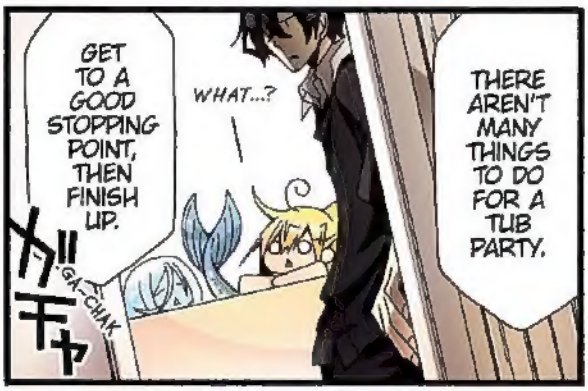

YOU JUST LET HIM DO WHATEVER HE WANTS!!
SO LENIENT !!
AQUARIUS IS THE BEST, AFTER ALL!
GULPooo
Aquarius.

NOW IT'S LIKE A CAFÉ AU LAIT...
WAIT, SO I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO USE THEM?!
EXPAND

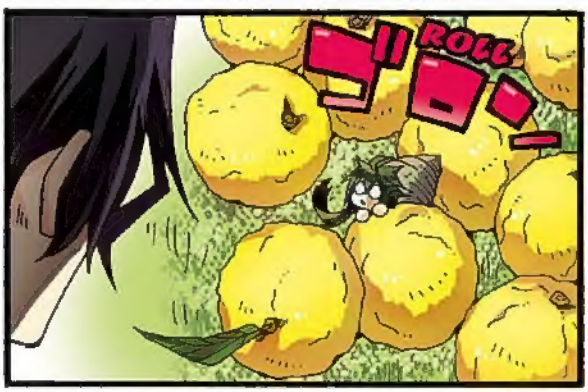

SPLASH
IT WARMS YOU UP TO THE CORE.
SO WARM.
Yuzu Fruit Bath.

SWEET WATER DOESN'T WORK.
IT'S STICKY.


IT'S A VERY NICE BATH. THANK YOU, MAKI-SAN.
AND EVEN YOUR FINGERS END UP STAINED YELLOW. IT SMELLS TOO MUCH LIKE CITRUS. THIS WAS A MISTAKE.

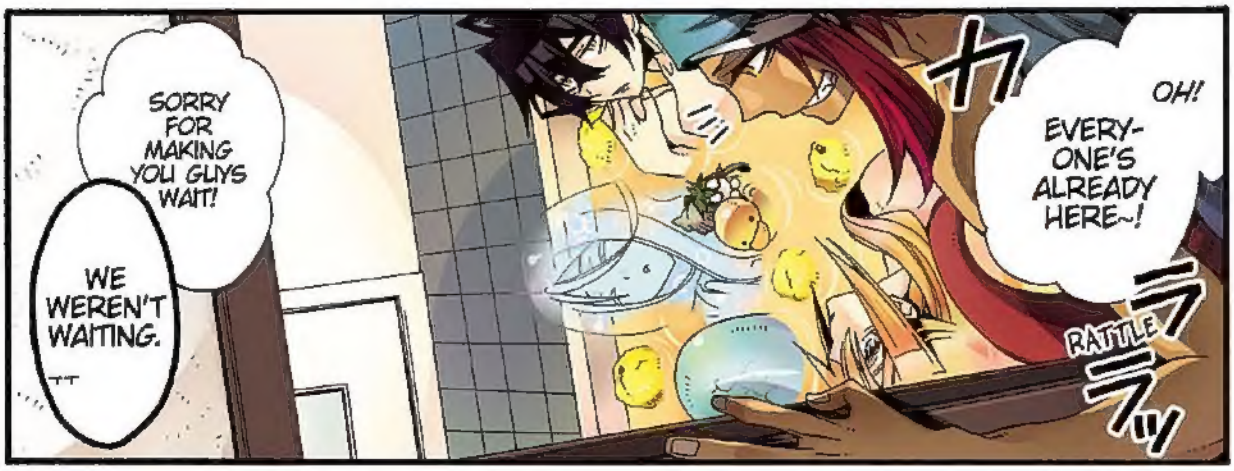

GET TO A GOOD STOPPING POINT, THEN FINISH UP.
GA-CHAK
WHAT...?
THERE AREN'T MANY THINGS TO DO FOR A TUB PARTY.

OH, THIS IS A MANDARIN ORANGE.
PSSSH
TH... THERE YOU GO AGAIN, FLATTERING ME... I'LL GET A BIG HEAD...

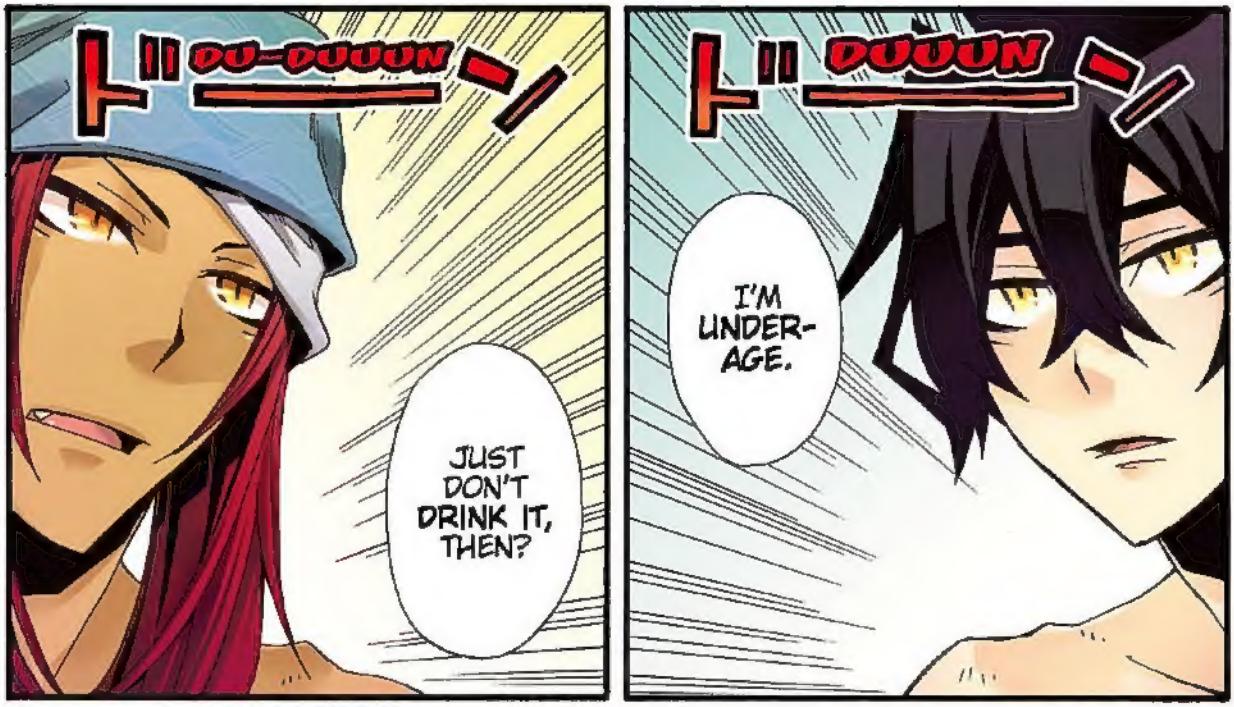

ROLL

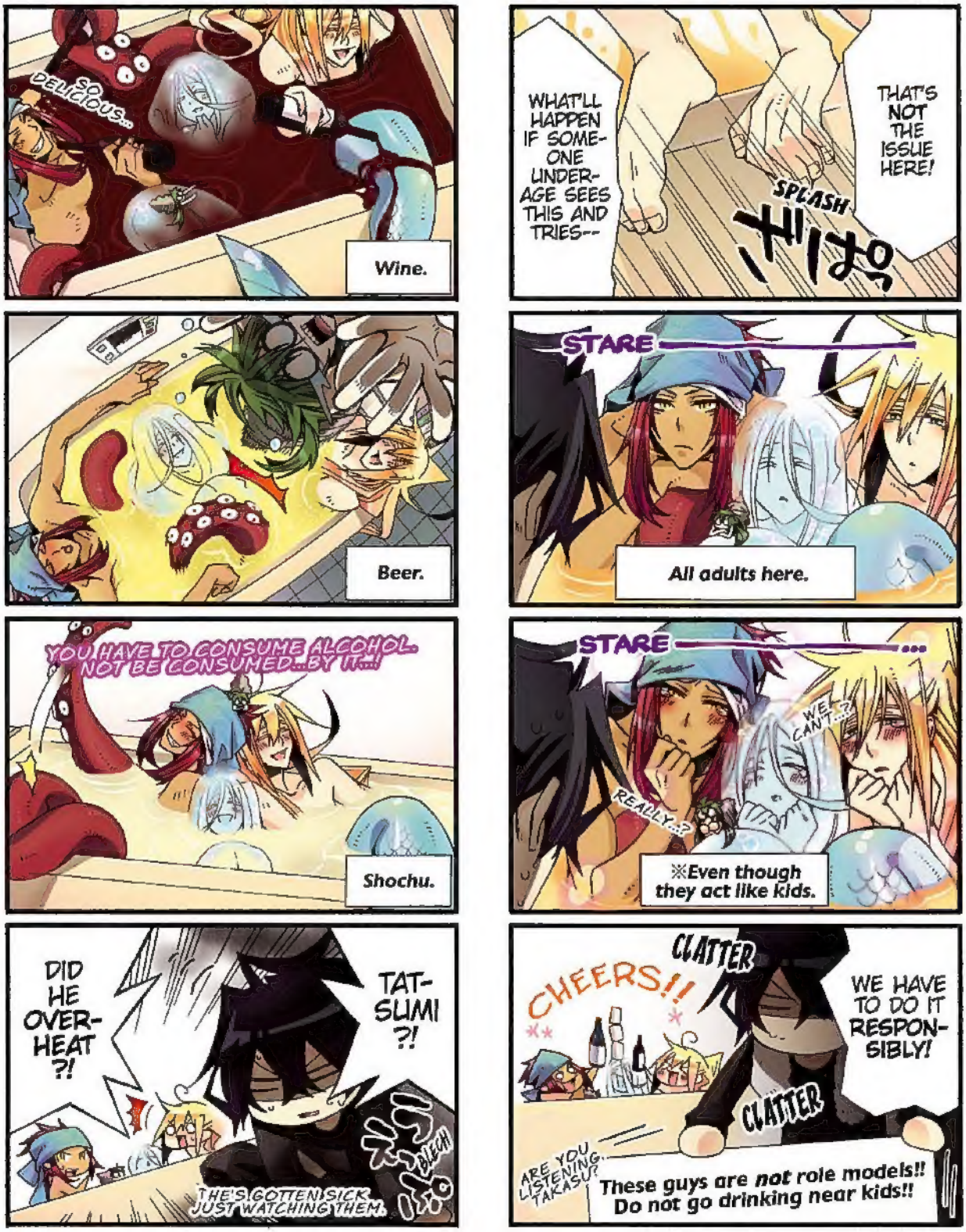
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO SPRAY YOU...
WIPE WIPE

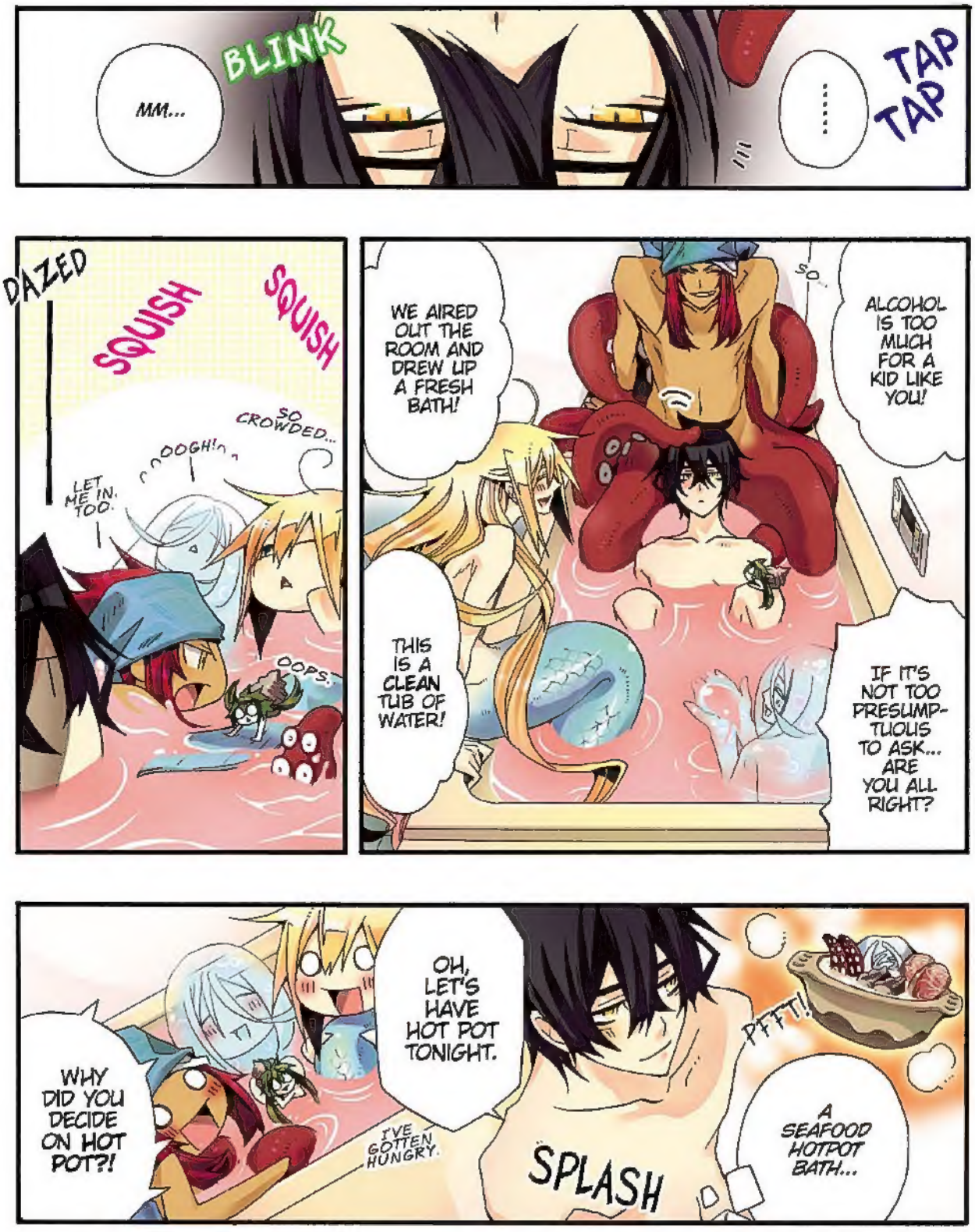
GRAB
WAIT, MAKI-SAN. YOU'RE WELCOME HERE.
I ONLY CAME BY TO DROP THESE YUZU FRUITS OFF.
IT WASN'T LIKE I WAS HOPING TO JOIN IN OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
NO, UM, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO HOME.


SORRY FOR MAKING YOU GUYS WAIT!
WE WEREN'T WAITING. TT
OH! EVERY-ONE'S ALREADY HERE~!
RATTLE

WINE, BEER, AND SHOCHU~!
TA-DA~!

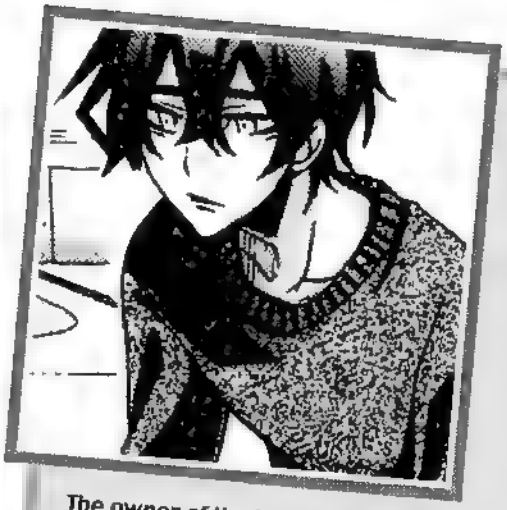

DU-DUUUN
JUST DON'T DRINK IT, THEN?
DUUUN
I'M UNDER-AGE.


SO DELICIOUS...
Wine.
WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF SOMEONE UNDERAGE SEES THIS AND TRIES--
SPLASH
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE!
Beer.
STARE
All adults here.
YOU HAVE TO CONSUME ALCOHOL. NOT BE CONSUMED...BY IT....!
Shochu.
STARE
WE CAN'T...?
REALLY...?
※Even though they act like kids.
DID HE OVERHEAT ?!
TATSUMI ?!
BLECH
THE'S GOTTEN SICK JUST WATCHING THEM.
CLATTER
CHEERS!!
CLATTER
WE HAVE TO DO IT RESPONSIBLY!
ARE YOU LISTENING, TAKASU?
These guys are not role models!! Do not go drinking near kids!!


BLINK
MM...
TAP TAP
DAZED
SQUISH
SQUISH
SO CROWDED...
OOOGH!
LET ME IN, TOO.
OOPS.
WE AIRED OUT THE ROOM AND DREW UP A FRESH BATH!
SO...
ALCOHOL IS TOO MUCH FOR A KID LIKE YOU!
THIS IS A CLEAN TUB OF WATER!
IF IT'S NOT TOO PRESUMPTUOUS TO ASK... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHY DID YOU DECIDE ON HOT POT?!
OH, LET'S HAVE HOT POT TONIGHT.
I'VE GOTTEN HUNGRY.
SPLASH
PFFT!
A SEAFOOD HOTPOT BATH...

KASUMI

Tatsumi's little sister. She loves her big brother very much. Her rival is Wakasa.



TATSUMI

The owner of the house. High school boy. He's good at cooking and household chores.

WAKASA

The freeloading merman of the house. His age...don't ask.

PICTURE BOOK OF LIVING CREATURES

(...or appearing characters)

TAKASU

An octopus-man that sometimes appears at the bath. Seems to be longtime friends with Wakasa. He's good at massages.

UNCLE HISATORA

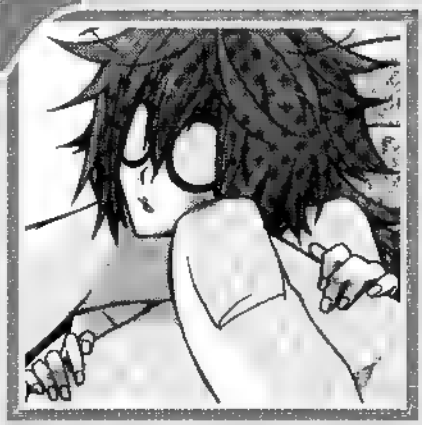
Tatsumi's uncle. He develops suspicious medicines and has Tatsumi test them out.

SOUSUKE

Tatsumi's friend. He has two older sisters.

GOROMARU

A starfish that appeared in the house who often goes unnoticed. He looks a bit like Kasumi and is skilled at clinging.



MAKI

A snail-man that appears quietly at the bath. Very nearsighted and self-deprecating.

AGARI

A shark-man that suddenly appears at the bath. It seems he is Wakasa's senpai.

MIKUNI

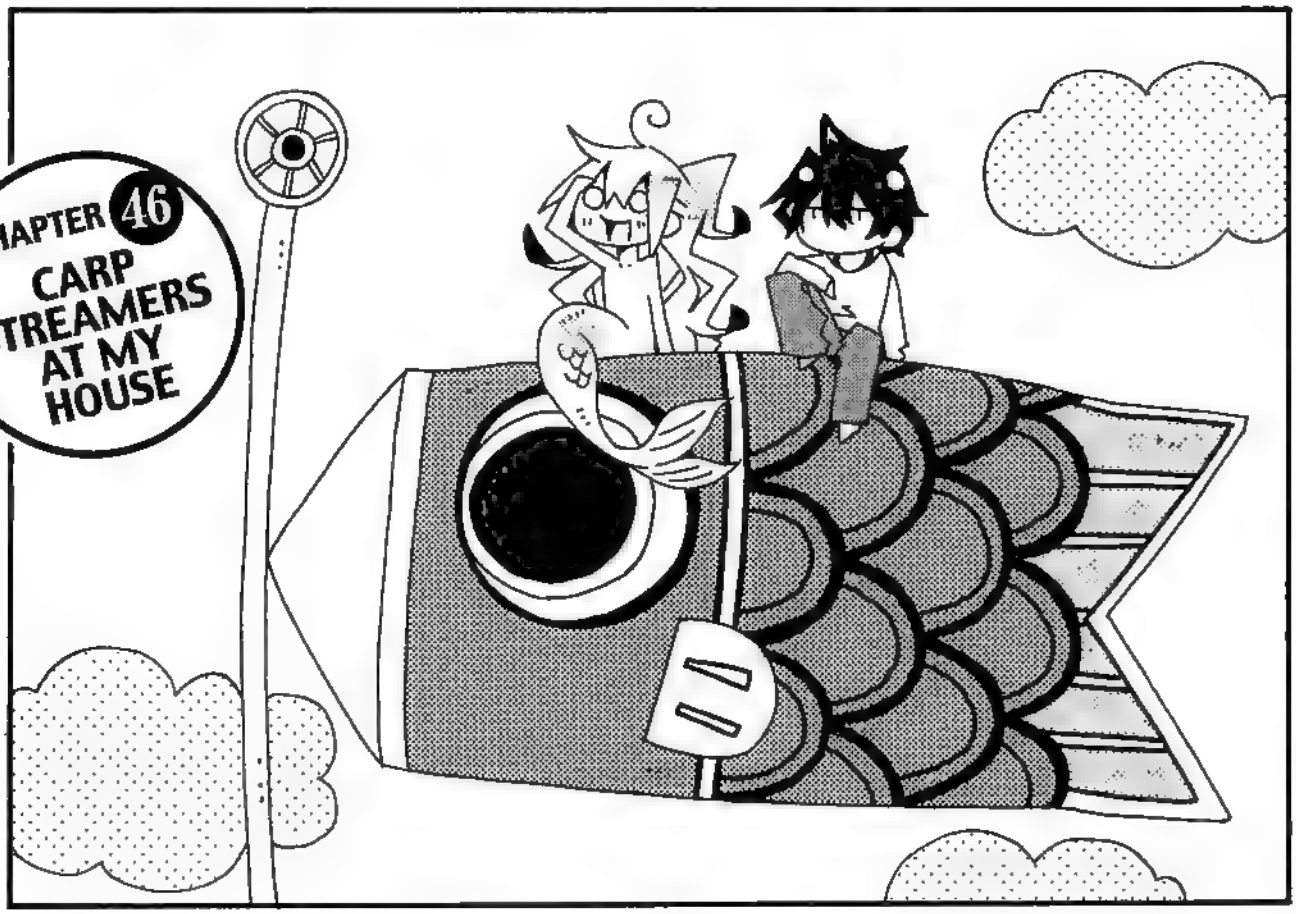
A jellyfish-man that wanders into the bath. His body is 99% water. He loves Aquarius.

TOSS

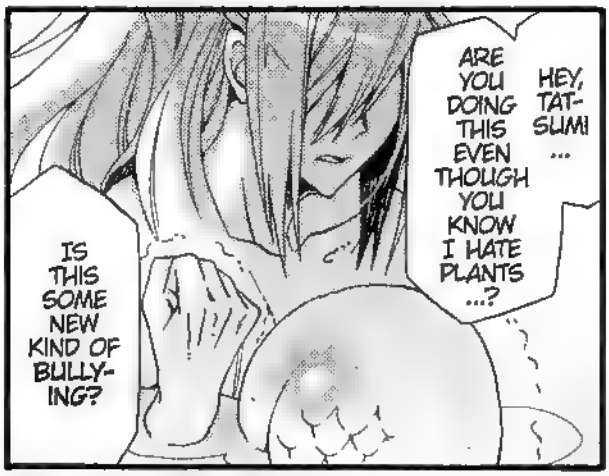
GA-CHAK
WAKA-SA.
CAN I BOTHER YOU FOR A BIT?
WHAT IS IT?

SPLOSH
GLOOM
PLANT-ING...?
SO GREEN...
SPLISH

CARRY
CARRY


CHAPTER 46
CARP STREAMERS AT MY HOUSE

THE BOYS WEAR ARMOR AND A MILITARY HELMET.
THEY RAISE UP CARP STREAMERS AND PRAY FOR THEIR SAFE GROWTH TO ADULT-HOOD.


HEY, TATSUMI ...
ARE YOU DOING THIS EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW I HATE PLANTS ...?
IS THIS SOME NEW KIND OF BULLYING?

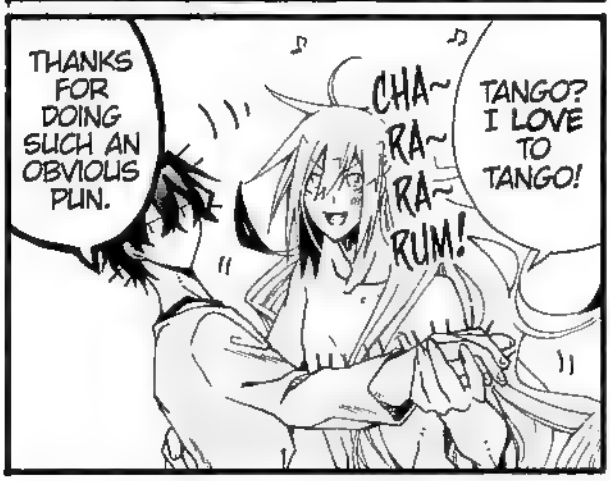
ARMOR AND HELMET?!
DO YOU HAVE ANY?!
OH... THOSE ARE EXPENSIVE.
I CAN MAKE SOMETHING LIKE A HELMET THOUGH.
SPLASH!
YOU CAN MAKE IT?!

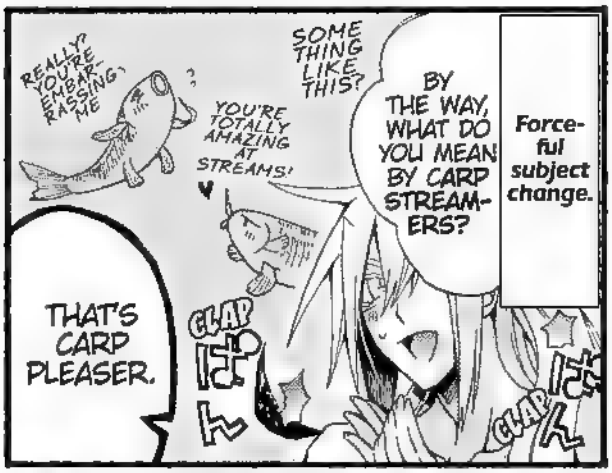
NO, NO.
TODAY IS MAY 5TH: CHILDREN'S DAY.
Wakasa can't move.
YOU BULLY!!!

TATSUMI, YOU'RE AMAZ--

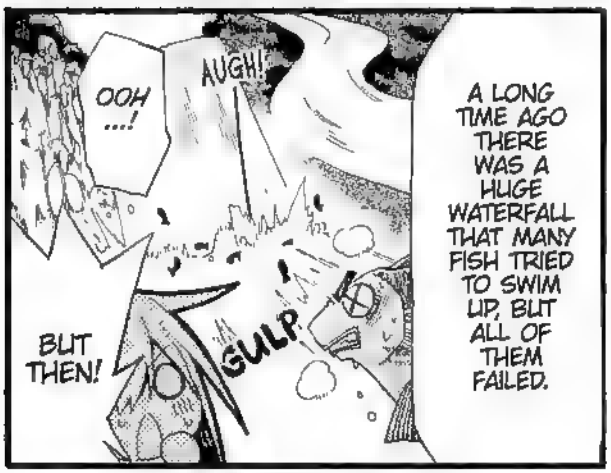
WE USED TO CALL IT TANGO NO SEKKU.
PEOPLE TAKE AN IRIS BATH TODAY TO WARD OFF SICKNESS AND DISEASE.

I ONLY HAD ORIGAMI PAPER ON ME.
HELMET ...?
SO SMALL.
WE DON'T GET THE NEWSPAPER HERE

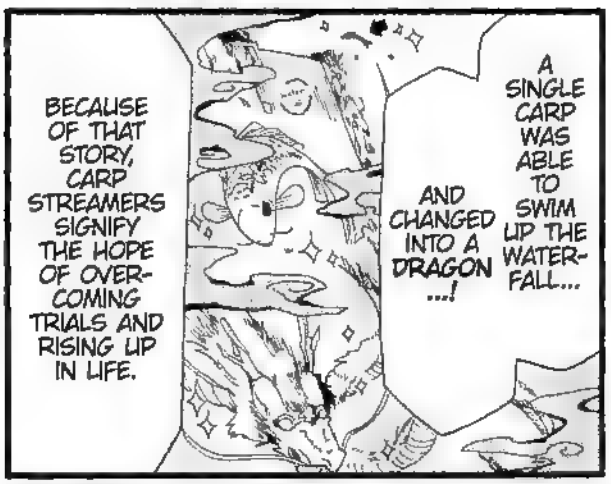

THANKS FOR DOING SUCH AN OBVIOUS PUN.
CHA~ RA~ RA~ RUM!
TANGO? I LOVE TO TANGO!


THAT'S CARP PLEASER.
CLAP
BY THE WAY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY CARP STREAMERS?
Forceful subject change.
SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
YOU'RE TOTALLY AMAZING AT STREAMS!
REALLY? YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME

NO... THEY HAVE THEIR OWN HOLIDAY ON MARCH 3RD.
IF THEY CELEBRATE THE BOYS, WON'T THE GIRLS FEEL LEFT OUT?


A LONG TIME AGO THERE WAS A HUGE WATERFALL THAT MANY FISH TRIED TO SWIM UP, BUT ALL OF THEM FAILED.
BUT THEN!
GULP
AUGH!
OOH ...!

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR...
THAT HOLIDAY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
YOU ARE DEFINITELY MALE.

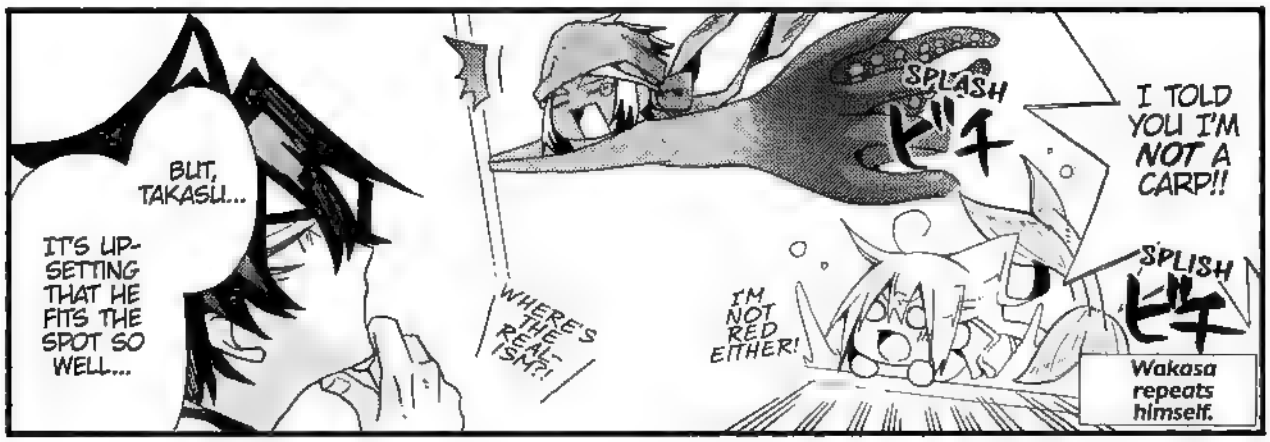

BECAUSE OF THAT STORY, CARP STREAMERS SIGNIFY THE HOPE OF OVERCOMING TRIALS AND RISING UP IN LIFE.
AND CHANGED INTO A DRAGON ...!
A SINGLE CARP WAS ABLE TO SWIM UP THE WATERFALL...

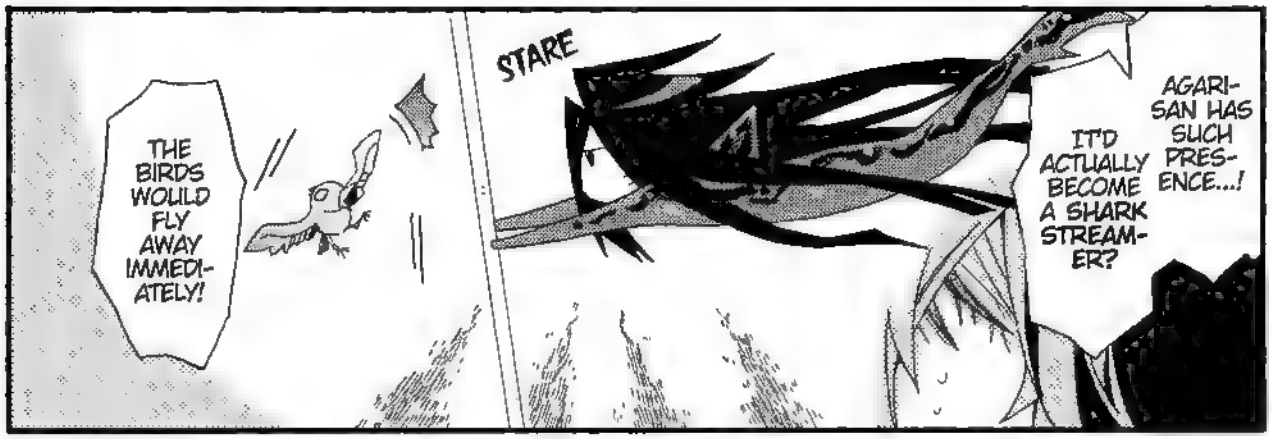
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR LITTLE SISTER?

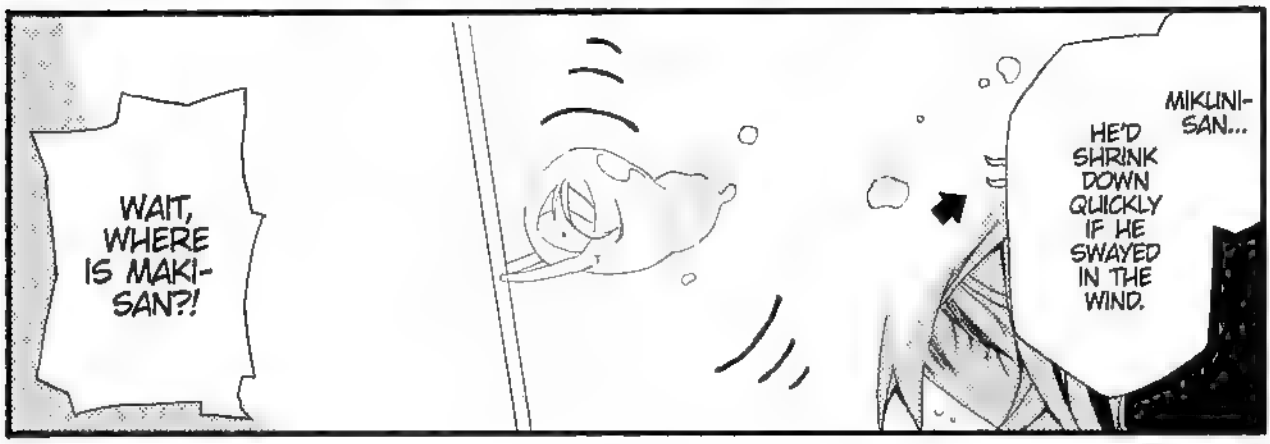
I'M NOT A CARP! I CAN'T BECOME A DRAGON!
I...
STARE...

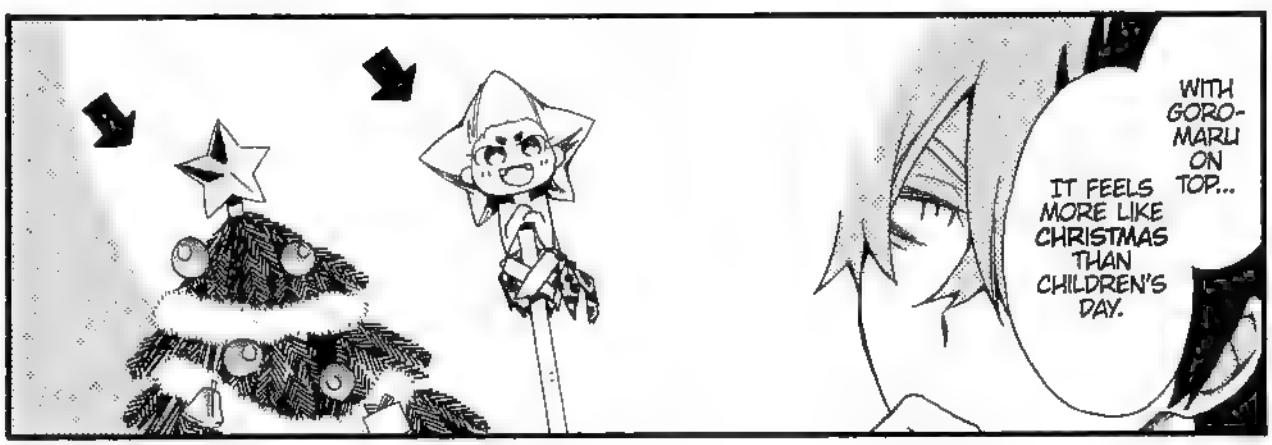
RIGHT ...
IT'D BE GREAT TO CELEBRATE WITH HER HERE.
NEXT TIME ...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
BAM
BAM
IT'S THAT KIND OF CELEBRATION, RIGHT?
LET'S JUST PUT ONE UP!
YEP, I DON'T GET IT!
TAP
TAP
TAP
WELL, REAL CARP STREAMERS ARE MADE LIKE THIS: THERE'S A PINWHEEL WITH FIVE COLORED STREAMERS ON TOP, WITH A BLACK CARP FATHER, RED CARP MOTHER AND BLUE OR GREEN CHILDREN. YOU CAN ADD THINGS AS YOU'D LIKE.
HUH?
I ALREADY HAVE ALL OF YOU.
WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE CARP STREAMERS.
SEE?
FLOP
FLIP


BUT, TAKASU...
IT'S UP-SETTING THAT HE FITS THE SPOT SO WELL...
WHERE'S THE REALISM?!
SPLASH
ビチ
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT A CARP!!
I'M NOT RED EITHER!
SPLISH
ビチ
Wakasa repeats himself.


THE BIRDS WOULD FLY AWAY IMMEDI-ATELY!
STARE
IT'D ACTUALLY BECOME A SHARK STREAM-ER?
AGARI-SAN HAS SUCH PRES-ENCE...!

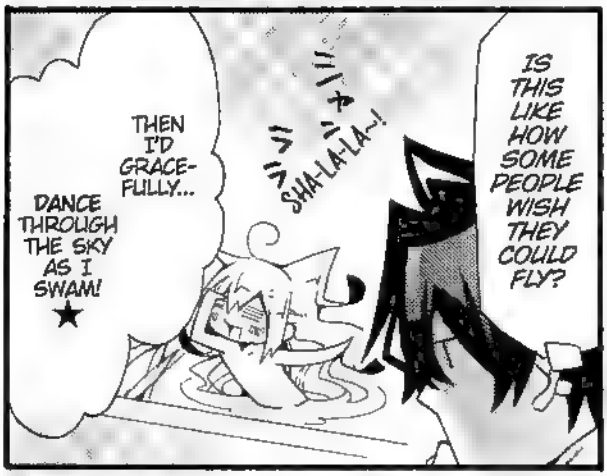

WAIT, WHERE IS MAKI-SAN?!
MIKUNI-SAN...
HE'D SHRINK DOWN QUICKLY IF HE SWAYED IN THE WIND.

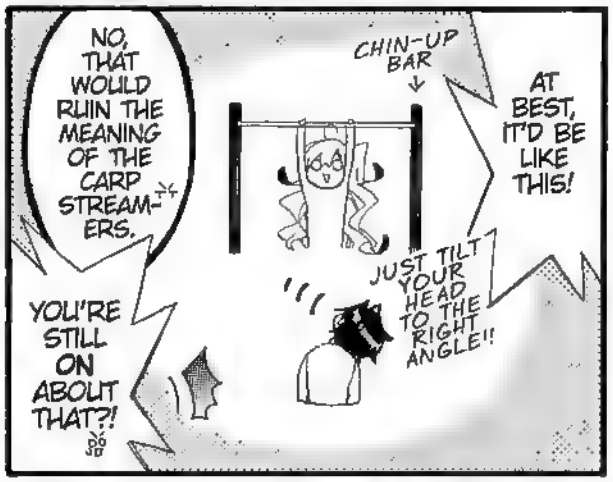

WITH GORO-MARU ON TOP...
IT FEELS MORE LIKE CHRISTMAS THAN CHILDREN'S DAY.

WAIT!
WAIT A SECOND! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR STRENGTH, DON'T YOU?
IT SHOULD BE EASY FOR YOU.

DREAMY
I WANT TO TRY SWIMMING IN THE SKY MYSELF.
BUT, HOW NICE...

YOU WERE SERIOUS ABOUT THAT?!


IS THIS LIKE HOW SOME PEOPLE WISH THEY COULD FLY?
SHA-LA-LA~!
THEN I'D GRACEFULLY... DANCE THROUGH THE SKY AS I SWAM! ★


NO, THAT WOULD RUIN THE MEANING OF THE CARP STREAMERS.
CHIN-UP BAR
AT BEST, IT'D BE LIKE THIS!
JUST TILT YOUR HEAD TO THE RIGHT ANGLE!!
YOU'RE STILL ON ABOUT THAT?!

SO, DO YOU WANT TO TRY HANGING OUTSIDE?

TONK——
TODAY IS ABOUT BOYS BECOMING MEN! MEN HAVE TO BE STRONG!
TONK——

HM?
POINT
HM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HM?
BIG BROTHER!
DING DONG
WELCOME !!
SORRY FOR INTRUDING.
WELL, THAT'S--
OH.
WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY, KASUMI?
SHE'S GOTTEN PRETTY STRONG.
WHAT ?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET ME GO!!
MMGH
SQUEEZE
SPLISH
SPLISH
I'M SAVED! THANKS!!
I'M SO HAPPY A GIRL IS VISITING!!
SPLISH

THERE ARE SO MANY LEAVES STUFFED IN HERE!!
IT'S SUPER GREEN ?!!
HUH?
WHAT? WHAT? SNACKS ?!
MOM MADE SOME KASHIWA MOCHI.
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
YAY!
IT'S A TRADITIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY SNACK!
COME ON, YOU CAN DO IT, WAKASA!
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MM IT HAS RED BEAN PASTE INSIDE
IT'S ONLY WRAPPED IN OAK LEAVES INSIDE THE INSIDE IS WHITE
IT'S REALLY TASTY!
SOB...
SOB...

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オレん家のフロ事情

TWEET
TIME FOR THE LONG-DISTANCE RUN.
I'M FASTER THAN YOU, SLOW-POKE!
YAY!

FLOP
AT P.E.
HEY, TATSUMI. WHAT'S YOUR 50-METER DASH TIME?
MINE IS 6.8 SEC-ONDS!
9 SEC-ONDS.

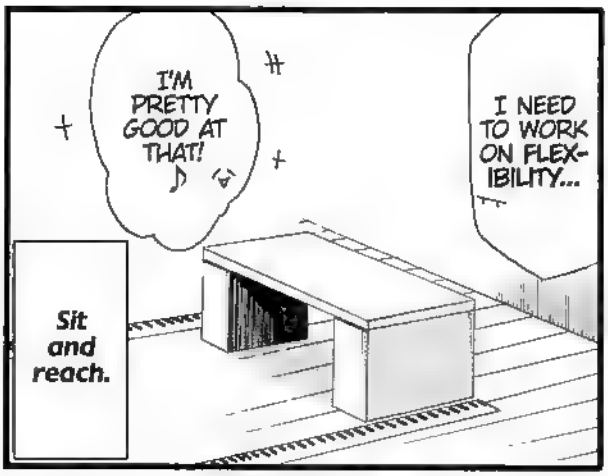
JOG スタスタ JOG
GUH...!
I LOST TO A NINE-SECOND-ER..!

I'M A SLOW START-ER...
SO SLOW !!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!

CHAPTER 47
EXERCISE IN MY TUB

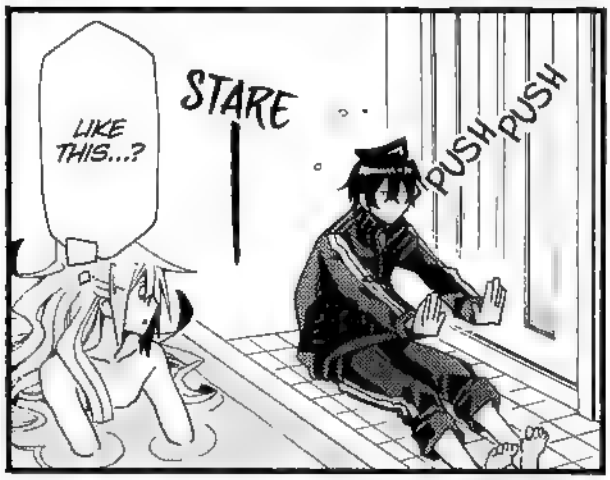
Hand-ball toss.
WIN
WIN
Side-to-side jumping.
Sit-ups.
WIN
WIN
Standing long jump.
WHAT THE HELL?! HE ALMOST DOUBLED MY SCORE...!
GRIP
WIN
Gripping strength.
BECAUSE OF MY PART-TIME JOB?
WHY ARE YOU WORRIED WHEN YOUR LOWER BODY'S STRONGER?
CLOSE
I'VE GOTTEN STRONGER.
OPEN
WHY ARE YOU SUCH A BEAST OF UPPER-BODY STRENGTH?

UA HA HA!
YOU'RE COMPLETELY LOCKED UP!!
HE MUST BE REALLY INFLEXIBLE.
MY BODY IS PROBABLY REALLY TIGHT...
BECAUSE I ALWAYS SLEEP HERE IN TERRIBLE POSITIONS.

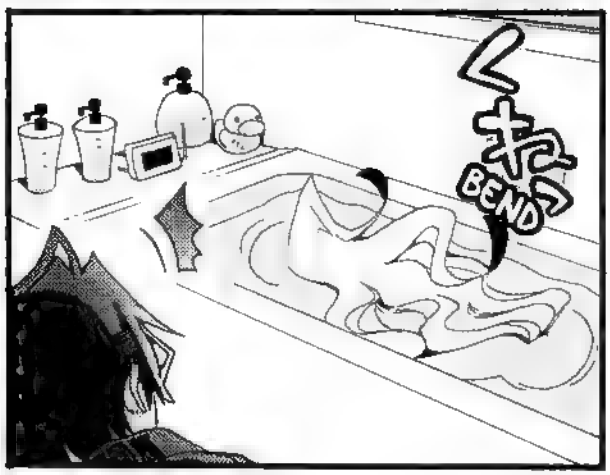

I'M PRETTY GOOD AT THAT! ♪
I NEED TO WORK ON FLEXIBILITY...
Sit and reach.

MUSCLE TRAINING AND FLEXIBILITY ARE DIFFERENT THINGS.
EVEN THOUGH YOU MADE ME DO SO MUCH.
BOO!
SO ARE SLOUCHING AND FLEXIBILITY

THERE!


LIKE THIS...?
STARE
PUSH PUSH

HUH?
TATSUMI.


ベキベキ
BEND

STRETCHING.
SITTING CROSS-LEGGED LIKE THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PUSH
PUSH
PUSH
PUSH

KA-POP
LUCKILY, I HAVE ALL THE TOOLS.
WHY DO YOU HAVE SO MANY THINGS?!
I'LL BE GLAD TO MEASURE YOUR STRENGTH.
WHAT?!
OKAY, WAKASA!
DA-DAN
HEE HEE.
TATSUMI, REALLY...
YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY BODY THAT MUCH...?
CLUNK
CLUNK
I SAID I DID, DIDN'T I? SO LET'S GET TO IT, WAKASA-SAN.

WELL, I'M OLDER THAN YOU, TATSUMI.
SPLISH
THE TAPE MEASURE WASN'T QUITE LONG ENOUGH ...
YOUR BODY LENGTH WAS A BIT MORE THAN 186CM (6'3")...
SHINK

HOW TALL ARE YOU, TATSUMI?
SPLASH
OKAY, COME OUT.
FIRST WE HAVE TO MEASURE YOUR HEIGHT.

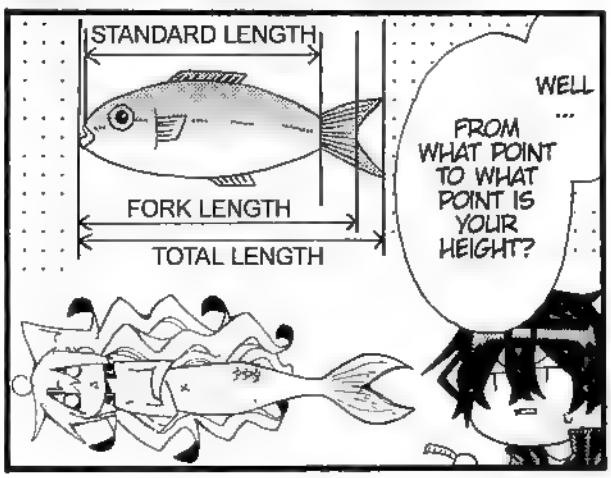
DON'T LOOK!
LET'S GET YOUR WEIGHT NOW...
WHY, ARE YOU A GIRL?

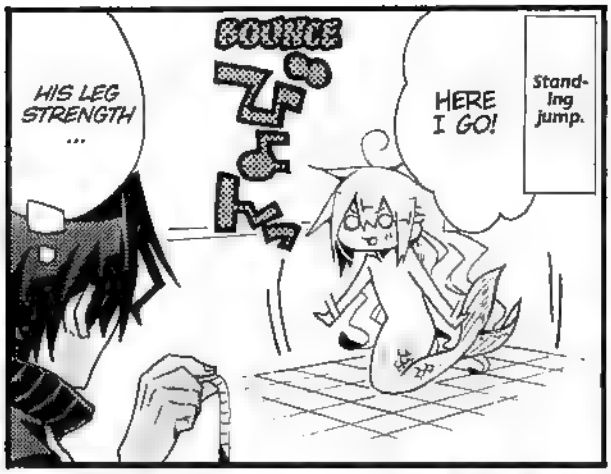
.....
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MY GROWTH SPURT.
THE DETAILS ARE IN THE EXTRAS FOR VOLUME 11

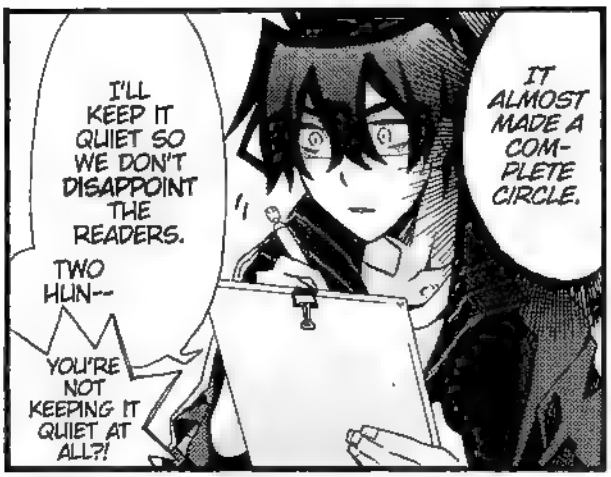
JEEZ, OKAY...
WE HAVE A LOT OF MEASUREMENTS TO TAKE
JUST GET ON ALREADY.
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

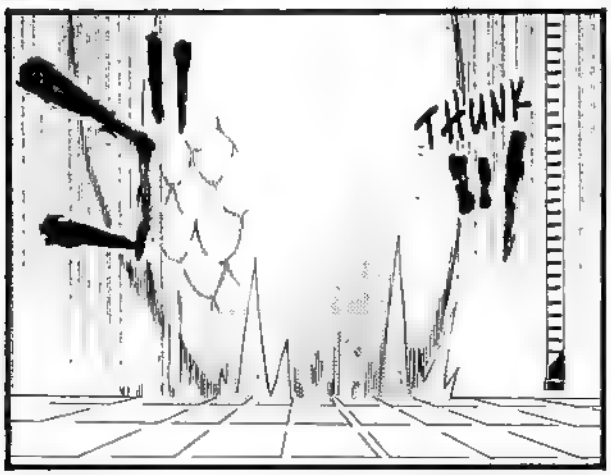
PULL

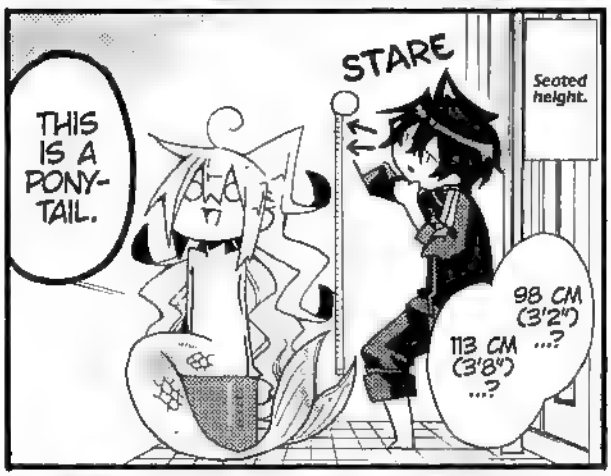
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

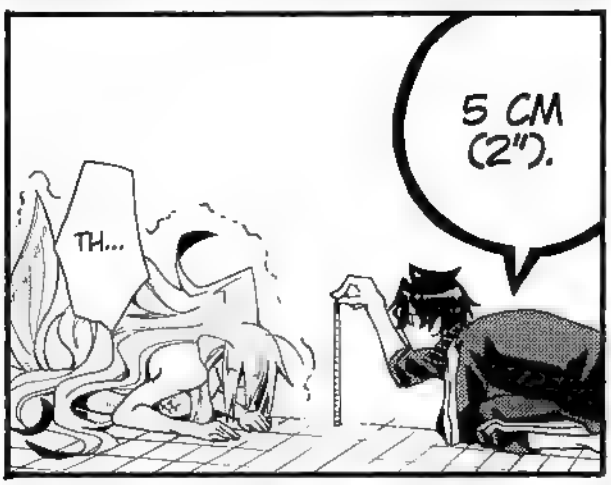

STANDARD LENGTH
FORK LENGTH
TOTAL LENGTH
WELL ... FROM WHAT POINT TO WHAT POINT IS YOUR HEIGHT?

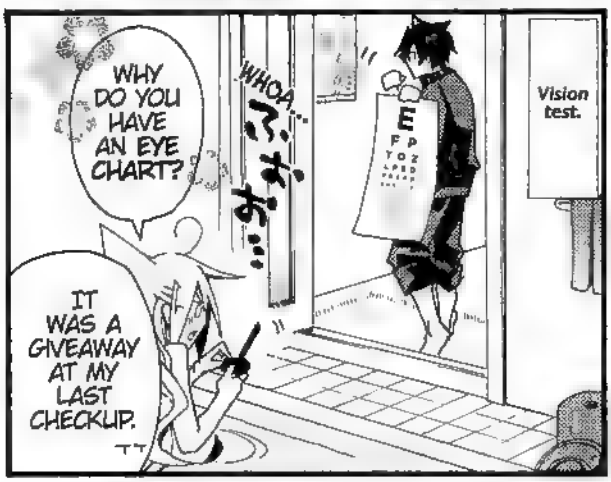

BOUNCE
HIS LEG STRENGTH ...
HERE I GO!
Standing jump.


IT ALMOST MADE A COMPLETE CIRCLE.
I'LL KEEP IT QUIET SO WE DON'T DISAPPOINT THE READERS.
TWO HUN--
YOU'RE NOT KEEPING IT QUIET AT ALL?!


THUNK!!


STARE
Seated height.
THIS IS A PONY-TAIL.
98 CM (3'2") ...?
113 CM (3'8") ...?


5 CM (2").
TH...

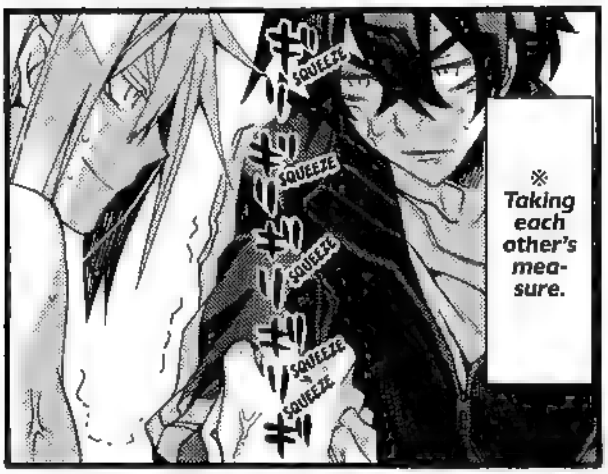

Vision test.
WHOA...
WHY DO YOU HAVE AN EYE CHART?
IT WAS A GIVEAWAY AT MY LAST CHECKUP.
E
F P
T O Z

Is he breaking a record?
YOU'RE JUMPING SIDE TO SIDE SO FAST...!
ROLL
SPLISH
THAT HURT!!
SHOOT! I DIDN'T PREPARE A STOPWATCH!!
ROLL
SPLISH

They say fish have very bad eyesight.
HUH? CAN YOU SEE IT?
P, E, Z, O, L, C, F, T, D!
E
F P
T O Z
BOTTOM ROW
BUT WAKASA'S TOP HALF IS HUMAN

FIGHT!!!
GRIP!!
Tatsumi burns with revenge!
The first person to crush the other person's hand wins! (A score of over 80 will be confirmed)

I'M GOOD AT THIS ONE!!
SPLISH★
Seal stretch.
YOU'RE A NATURAL. 88 CENTIMETERS. ALMOST 3 FEET!


SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
※ Taking each other's measure.

OH, AND THE LONG SLOW RUN.
BUT WE CAN'T REALLY DO THOSE IN HERE.
WELL... ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE 50-M DASH, HANDBALL TOSS, AND GRIP STRENGTH ...
SPLASH
I COULD DO THAT UNDER WATER

SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
※ Still... gripping.

WE CAN CHECK GRIP STRENGTH, THOUGH, CAN'T WE?
SLIDE

In a way, Wakasa lost.
TAT-SUMI !!!
NO..!!
HAND'S TOO SORE TO MAKE ANYTHING ELSE
TO-NIGHT'S ... DINNER ...
IN-STANT NOO-DLES...

ばち
CRACKLE
I SEE...

HEY, HEY. I HAVE A QUESTION, TATSUMI!
WHY DO PEOPLE RECORD THINGS LIKE THAT?
FOR POS-TERITY?
WAKASA MERMAN (MALE).
HEIGHT 186CM (6'3")
WEIGHT XX
SEATED HE
VISION: 20-20
STANDING JU
TT
WELL, THEN....
I THINK THAT DOES IT.

AND TRY TO IMPROVE YOURSELF FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.
SOME-TIMES YOU COMPETE AGAINST YOUR FRIENDS?
HUH...? NO...
YOU MAKE GOALS AND TRAIN.
BEAM
IXO

Tatsumi's seal stretch increased by 10 cm (4")!
N...
NO, UM...!
UM
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
NEXT YEAR...?
SO WE'RE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN, NEXT YEAR!

Merman
in My Tub

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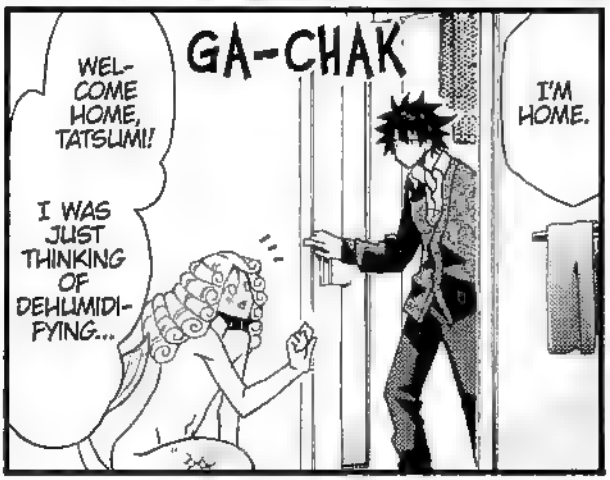
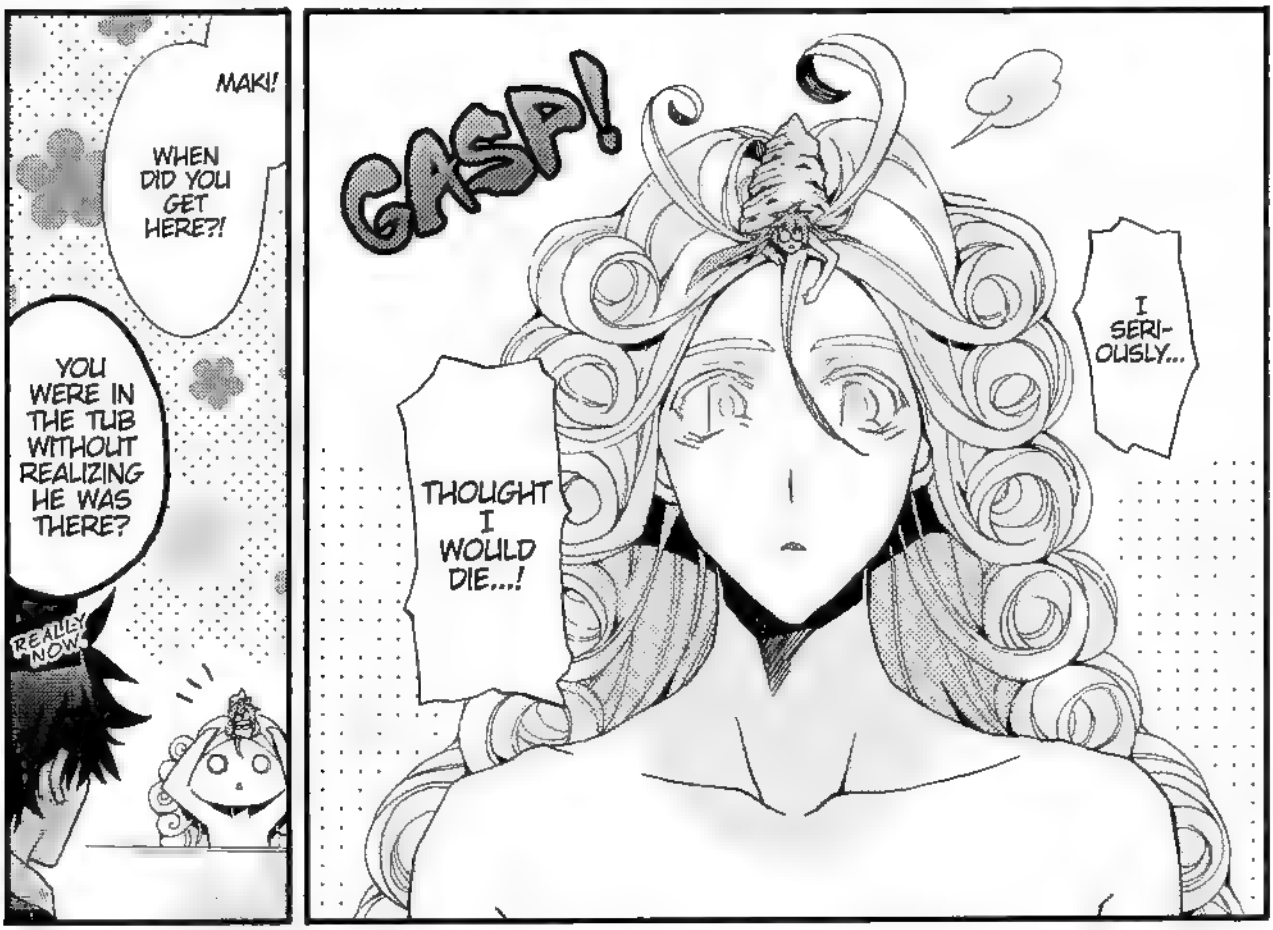
PLOD
PLOD
HUUH ...
IT'S SO HUMID AND HOT...

EXCUSE ME.
SPLISH
KA-CHUNK


GA-CHAK
WEL-COME HOME, TATSUMI!
I WAS JUST THINKING OF DEHUMIDI-FYING...
I'M HOME.

CHAPTER 48
PARADISE IN HUMIDITY

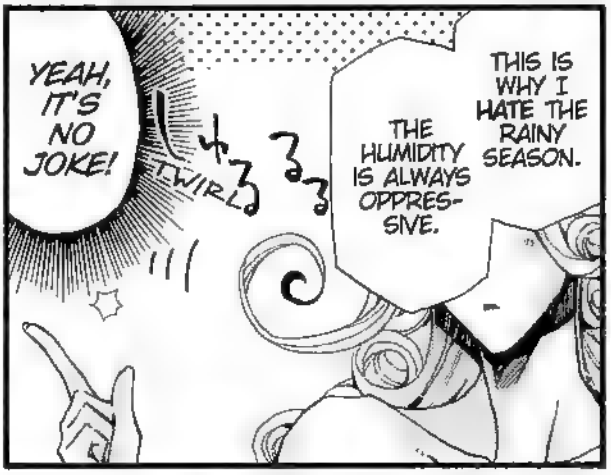
HUH?
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU CAME HOME WITHOUT REALIZING IT?
YOU LOOK LIKE A SEA URCHIN
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING! YOUR HAIR!!
WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?!
SPLISH
SPLISH


MAKI!
WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!
YOU WERE IN THE TUB WITHOUT REALIZING HE WAS THERE?
REALLY NOW.
GASP!
I SERIOUSLY...
THOUGHT I WOULD DIE...!

I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS!
LICK
LICK

EVEN SO, WAKA-SA...
THAT HAIR IS SO COW-LICKED IT'S PRACTICALLY MOOING...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CURLED IT THAT WAY.
TODDLE
TODDLE

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY DID YOU PULL OUT A MAGA-ZINE POST-CARD ...?
RIP


YEAH, IT'S NO JOKE!
TWIRL
THE HUMIDITY IS ALWAYS OPPRES-SIVE.
THIS IS WHY I HATE THE RAINY SEASON.

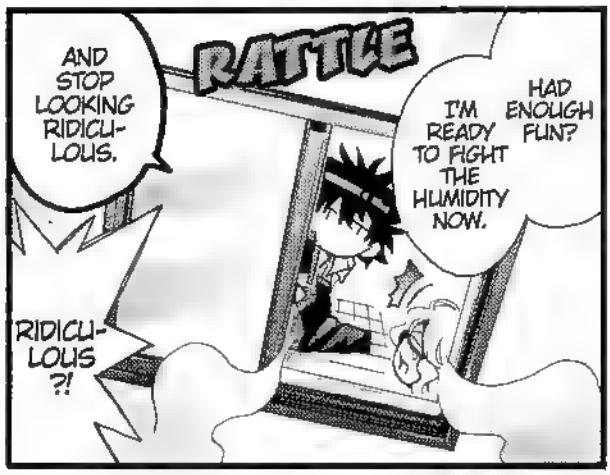
※ Only a depic-tion.
DON'T I LOOK LIKE BACH?
Pretending that this is a music class!

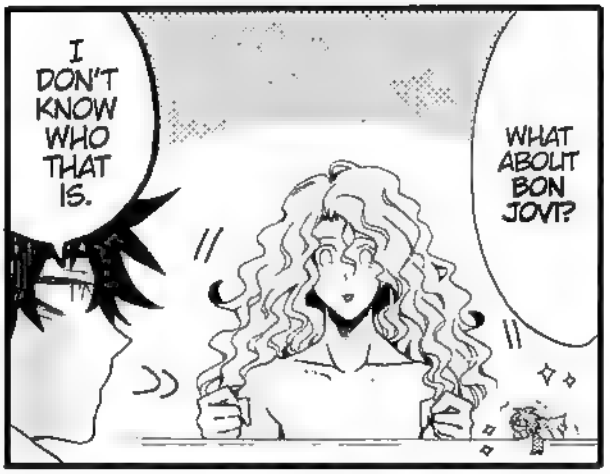
STICKY
IT'S ESPECIALLY BAD TODAY!!
Note: humidity can't pass 100%. Wakasa doesn't know that, though.
I THINK IT'S PROBABLY PAST 180%?!
AND THE HUMIDITY OF THE TUB COMBINES WITH THE HUMIDITY OUTSIDE!
STICKY

MMHMM.
HE'S TALKING ABOUT CLASSI-CAL MUSIC!!
ALLONGE WERE THE KIND OF WIGS THAT PEOPLE LIKE BACH WORE.

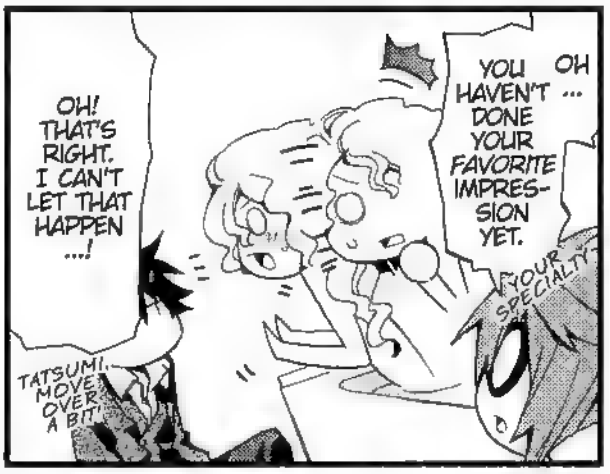
I DON'T LIKE ALLONGE ...
?
?
AT AROUND 150%, I'D GET RING-LETS...

I HEARD A NEW DRAGON BALL SERIES IS COMING OUT.
SO LONG!
SUPER SAI-YAN !!
HANDEL.
I DON'T SEE MUCH DIFFER-ENCE.
※Not really.
GOHAN!!
STOP INVOLV-ING ME.
CLAP CLAP
MOZART.
YOU LOOK... A BIT... CLEANED UP?
※Not really.
TA-DA!
LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS, TATSUMI.
YOU SHOULD GO BLONDE AND WE CAN BE FATHER/ SON SAIYANS TOGETHER!
SUPER COLD
BLONDE HAIR SPRAY
OH!
COME HERE, TATSUMI!
HUH?!
WHY...? WAIT... STOP...!
NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
YOU SHOULD BE KIND TO THE HAIR YOU HAVE NOW.
CURSES..
AND WHY DO YOU HAVE HAIR-SPRAY?
FOILED AGAIN
GLARE
BEE-THOVEN!
※Not really.

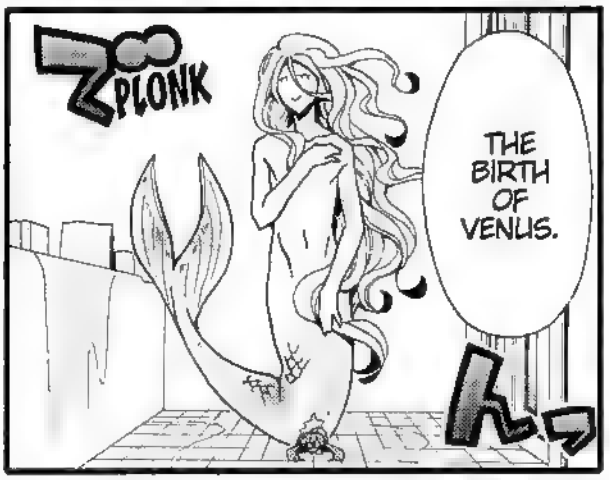

AND STOP LOOKING RIDICULOUS.
RATTLE
I'M READY TO FIGHT THE HUMIDITY NOW.
HAD ENOUGH FUN?
RIDICULOUS ?!

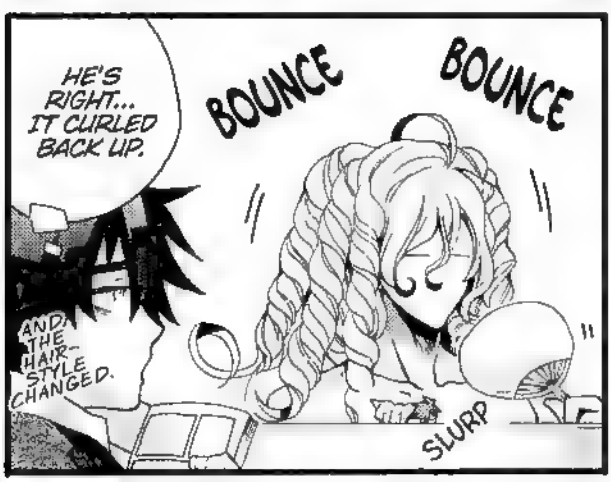

I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT IS.
WHAT ABOUT BON JOVI?

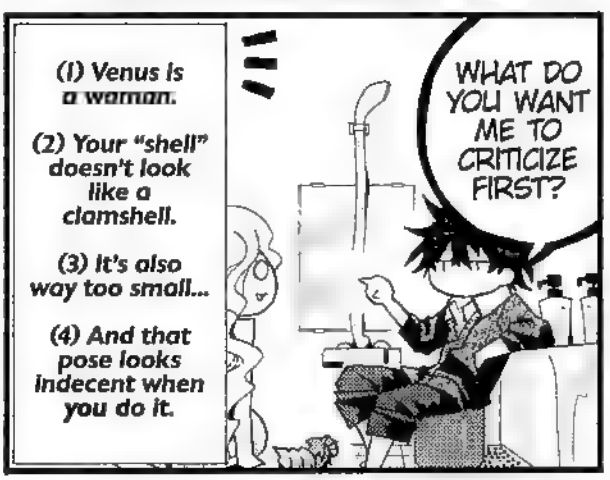
RIDICULOUS OR NOT...
I CAN'T FIX WHAT CAN'T BE FIXED.


OH! THAT'S RIGHT. I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN ...!
OH YOU HAVEN'T DONE YOUR FAVORITE IMPRESSION YET.
YOUR SPECIALTY
TATSUMI, MOVE OVER A BIT.

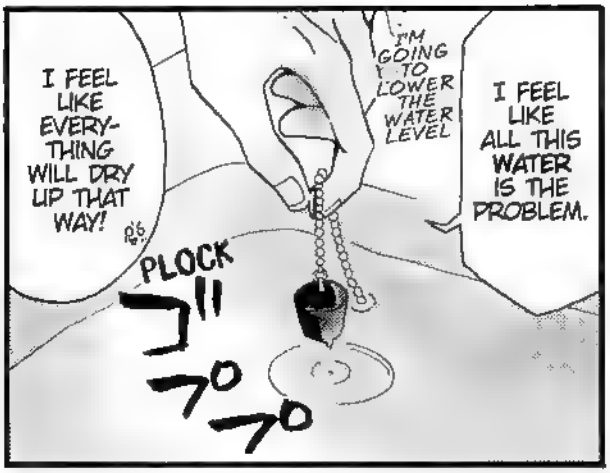
PUTTING YOURSELF ON A PEDESTAL LIKE THAT
TATSUMI, YOU'RE SO MEAN
LICK
LICK


PLONK
THE BIRTH OF VENUS.


HE'S RIGHT... IT CURLED BACK UP.
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
AND THE HAIR-STYLE CHANGED.
SLURP


(1) Venus is a woman.
(2) Your "shell" doesn't look like a clamshell.
(3) It's also way too small...
(4) And that pose looks indecent when you do it.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO CRITICIZE FIRST?

MAKI'S HAIR IS SO NICE.
YOURS IS SUPER STRAIGHT.
IF ONLY I HAD SUCH STRAIGHT HAIR
CURL
CURL
I'M REALLY JEALOUS...
AHH!
IT CURLED BACK UP!!
AT LEAST YOURS ISN'T BRISTLY!
OH, QUIET, TATSUMI. YOU'RE STILL MEAN.
IT'S BACK.
CURL
N...
NICE...?
By the way.
JEALOUS ...?
BEAM
I...I HAVE A GOOD QUALITY ...?!
I'VE FINALLY DISCOVERED SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT MYSELF AFTER ALL THESE YEARS ...?!
GUSH
ALWAYS DRAMA WITH YOU GUYS.


I FEEL LIKE EVERY-THING WILL DRY UP THAT WAY!
I'M GOING TO LOWER THE WATER LEVEL
I FEEL LIKE ALL THIS WATER IS THE PROBLEM.
PLOCK
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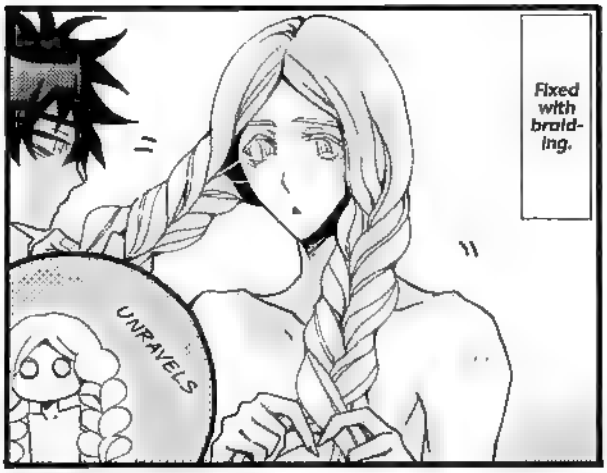
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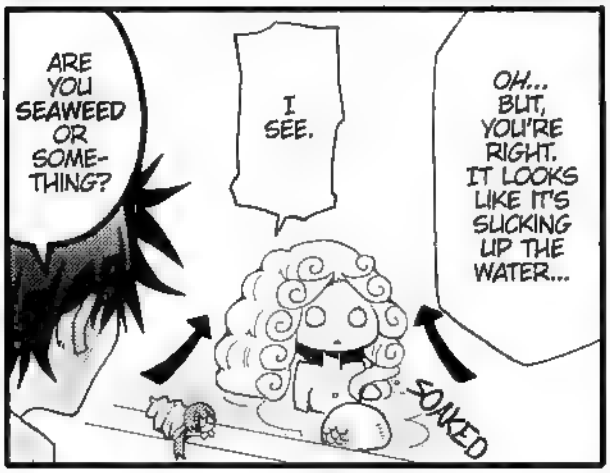
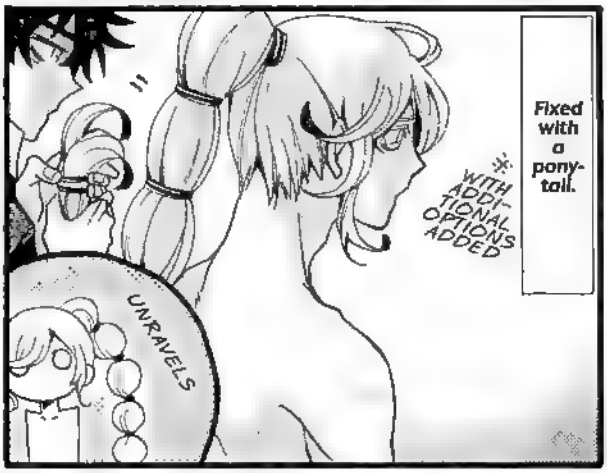
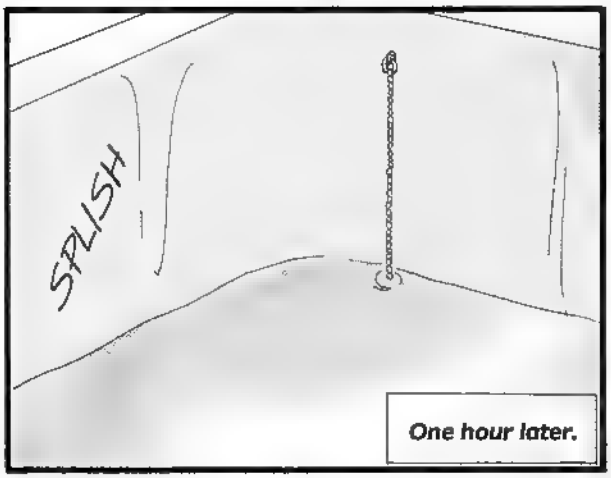
UNRAVELS


ARE YOU SEAWEED OR SOME-THING?
I SEE.
OH... BUT, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S SUCKING UP THE WATER...
SOAKED


Fixed with a pony-tail.
*WITH ADDI-TIONAL OPTIONS ADDED
UNRAVELS


SPLISH
One hour later.

Fixed with a bee-hive.
WE MATCH
UNRAVELS

HIS HAIR IS STRONGER THAN HE IS.
I NEED WATER ...
TA-TSUMI ...
TA...
SHRIVEL

?!
WHAT EVEN WAS THAT LAST ONE?!

I HAVE TO GO SHOPPING SOON MYSELF.
TAT-SUMI...
AT THIS RATE... I'LL BECOME FISH JERKY...

WOAH...!!
IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE OUR LAST TREAT-MENT...!!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!!
ゴゴゴゴ
RUUUMBLE
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO BRING OUT OUR ULTIMATE WEAPON.

SCRUB
ガラ
YES, SIR, CAPTAIN, SIR!!
SIR!
BUT DO THAT, AND IT'LL WORK.
TAP
TAP
YOU HAVE TO BLOW-DRY IT COM-PLETELY.
MAKE SURE TO BRUSH YOUR HAIR PROPERLY AFTER THIS.

(Sousuke's joking: he knows who that is.)
AT THE SUPER-MARKET
WOW, WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
Chance meeting.

Merman
in My Tub

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HM?
YOU'RE HOME?
GA-CHAK
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A BATH FIRST?
THE WATER'S NICE.
PULL
GOOD JOB TODAY.
EVERY-THING IS PRE-PARED.
AND WARM.
AND SO AM I...
CHAPTER 49
FAN ☆ SERVICE

SORRY, I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS...
HM?
HURRY ON OVER HERE.
SPLASH
HEY, HEY!
THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR OUR READERS!
JEEZ, YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT THIS~!
I'LL SHOW YOU REAL FAN-SERVICE!
CURL
HEY, BABE.
I'LL TAKE EXTRA SPECIAL CARE OF YOU TODAY.
YOU WON'T REGRET IT.

BOTH OF YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.
FWIP
FWIP
GOOD-NESS...

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CLOSE YOUR EYES, ALL RIGHT?
I'M GOING TO RINSE YOU NOW.

LIKE THIS.
PLEEEASE SQUEE-EEZE THEM SHUT.

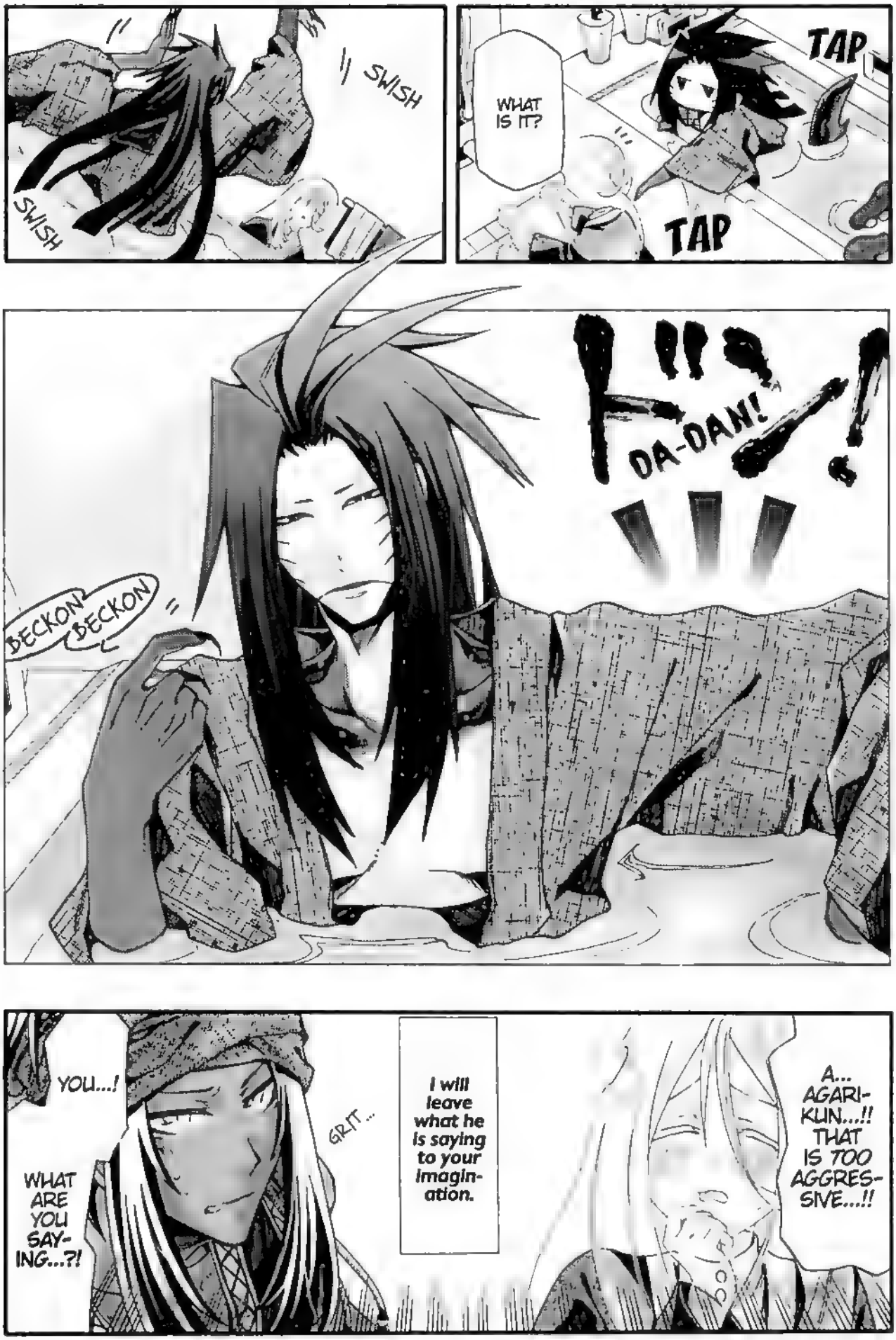
ALL RIGHT.
HERE I GO!
SPLASH

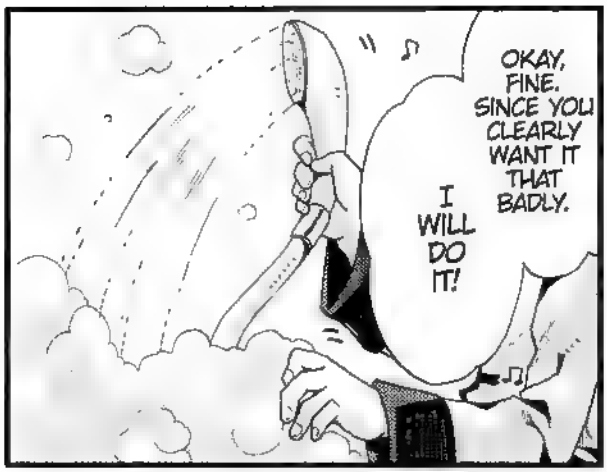
COME ON, SIT HERE.
I GUESS I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPONGES...

OH, THIS IS GREAT.
I LOVE THE WAY YOUR BODY SEEMS TO SUCK MY HANDS IN.
BUBBLE
BUBBLE

TAKA-SU...!
YOU'RE HAMMING IT UP TOO MUCH.
ALL RIGHT. STOP RIGHT THERE.
PULL
BLUB

JIGGLE
YOU SHOULDN'T FIGHT.
JIGGLE
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GIVING THE READERS FAN SERVICE, RIGHT?


SWISH
SWISH
WHAT IS IT?
TAP
TAP
DA-DAN!
BECKON BECKON
YOU...!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?!
GRIT...
I will leave what he is saying to your imagination.
A... AGARI-KUN...!! THAT IS TOO AGGRESSIVE...!!


OKAY, FINE. SINCE YOU CLEARLY WANT IT THAT BADLY.
I WILL DO IT!

AND SO:
GORO-MARU!
MMGH ?!
WHY DO I HAVE TO?!

SLIP
MY HANDS ARE A BIT SPE-CIAL.
THEY CAN ATTACH TO ANY-THING, SO I THINK THEY WILL FEEL QUITE...

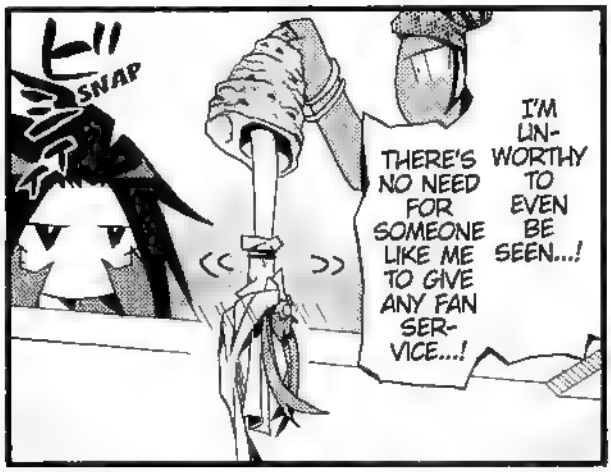
NO!! YOU CAN WASH YOUR OWN HAIR YOUR-SELF!!
SORRY.
THIS GUY IS A LITTLE SHY.
ROAR

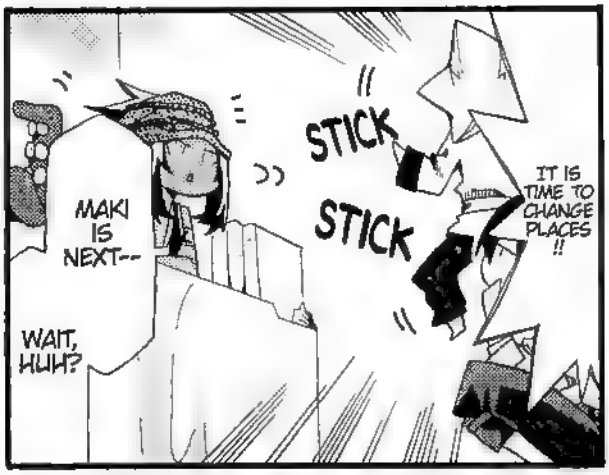
SPLASH

I AM...
SO SORRY ...

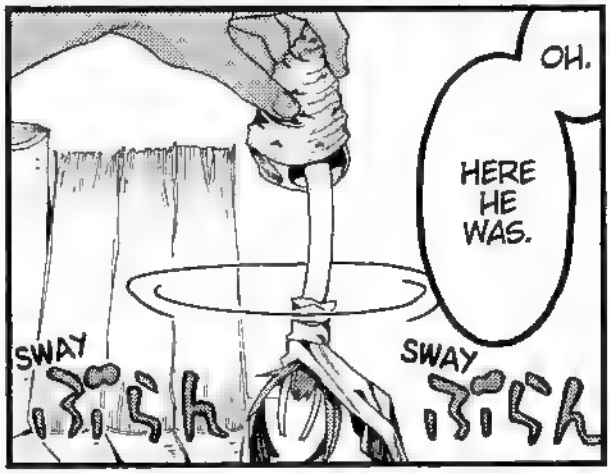
WHA ?!
WHAT IS THERE TO BE SHY ABOUT ?!
IF I SAY I WON'T, I WON'T!!

IF YOU REALLY WANT ME TO ...
AT LEAST ASK ME PROP-ERLY!


SNAP
I'M UN-WORTHY TO EVEN BE SEEN...!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO GIVE ANY FAN SER-VICE...!

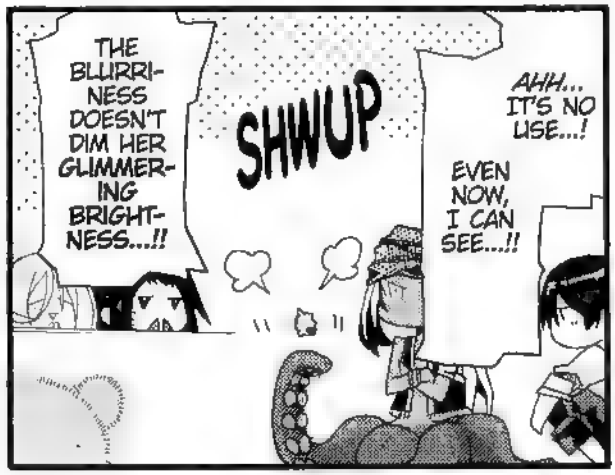

STICK
STICK
IT IS TIME TO CHANGE PLACES !!
MAKI IS NEXT--
WAIT, HUH?

CHINK
OH!
THEN, HOW ABOUT TAKING OFF YOUR GLASSES?


OH.
HERE HE WAS.
SWAY
SWAY

STARE

S...
F-F-FAN SERVICE IS IMPOS-SIBLE FOR ME...!
WHY WERE YOU HIDING, MAKI-KUN?


THE BLURRI-NESS DOESN'T DIM HER GLIMMER-ING BRIGHT-NESS...!!
SHWUP
AHH... IT'S NO USE...!
EVEN NOW, I CAN SEE...!!

BLUSH
YOU'RE SO GLORI-OUS...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOOK AT YOU DIRECTLY ...!

NOW, THANK YOU FOR WAIT-ING...
MY LITTLE KITTEN.
REST EASY AND LEAVE THE REST TO ME!
OKAY ...!!
PLOSH
GOOD JOB, MAKI!
YOU TRIED HARD...!
SPLISH
I WILL MAKE YOU...
THE CUTEST PRINCESS IN THE WORLD.
NOW...
THERE IS NO NEED TO HESITATE.
TRUST YOURSELF TO ME...

CLAP
CLAP
GATHER AROUND, EVERYONE.
OKAY...
M-
MMGH...
GORO-KUN, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE GRUFF YOU HAVE TO STAY IN CHARACTER THE WHOLE TIME!
SNAP
AGARI-SAN... YOU WERE TOO ADULT... NO, TOO INTIMIDATING...?
TATSUMI, YOU GOT TOO EMBARRASSED.
YEAH...
I THINK MAKI COULD HAVE BEEN MORE AGGRESSIVE!!
EEK!
YOU OVERDID IT, TAKASU. AND TOOK TOO MANY PAGES.
SERIOUSLY?
SNAP
MIKUNI LOOKED KIND OF EVIL AND SLY. ★
HE SAYS
HUH...?
OH MY... A LITTLE TEDDY BEAR...
HAS ANYONE NOTICED THE READER WE WERE PERFORMING FOR IS ACTUALLY A TEDDY BEAR?
OKAY~! (X5)
SNAP
GATHER
GATHER
サーセン★ SORRY!
The story will continue on normally in the next chapter. ☆
THESE GUYS JUST AREN'T VERY ORGANIZED
IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE THIS CROWD.
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UGH ...
TRYING TO CARRY THREE CASES WAS OVER-DOING IT.
MY NECK AND SHOULDER HURT.
IT'S DAYS LIKE THESE THAT I REALLY WANT TO SOAK IN A HOT BATH...
RUB RUB

CHAPTER 50
HISATORA-SAN'S STORMY APPEARANCE

HEY, WOW, THAT'S A GOOD ELBOW STRIKE.
YOU REALLY IMPRESSED ME, KID. YEAH.
FSSSSH
UGH...
YOU'RE ...!

HISA-TORA-SAN...

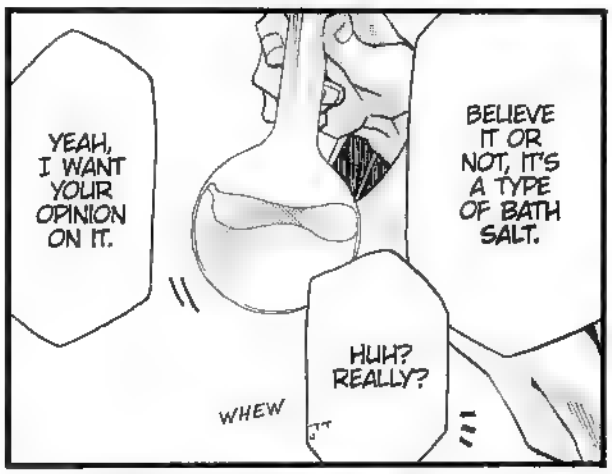
WAVE
WAVE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "UGH"?
THAT'S NO WAY TO GREET YOUR FAVORITE UNCLE AFTER SO LONG.
TATSU-BOY.

WHAT IS THAT YOU'RE HOLDING?
IT LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE
JEEZ, KID, YOU'RE STILL SO TINY!

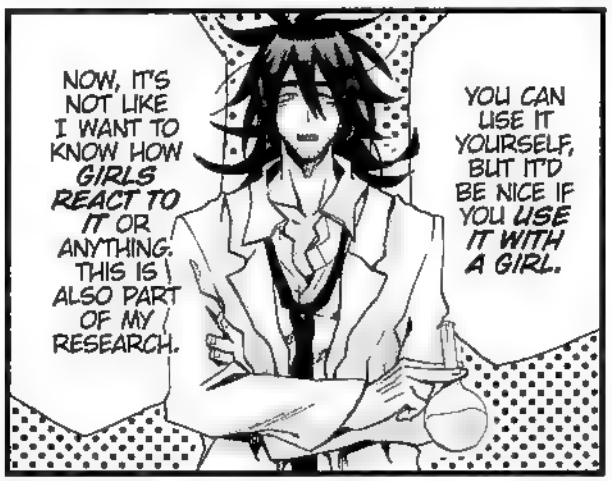
I FEEL LIKE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU SAID THAT FIRST.
AT LEAST A BIT.
HE THINKS I STILL DISLIKE BATHS HE HAS BEEN AWAY A WHILE
AND I WANNA HELP YOU GET OVER YOUR DISLIKE OF BATHS, TATSU-BOY.

HOLD ON THERE.
IF YOU'RE GOING HOME, TAKE THIS WITH YOU.
THAT'S ALL
YEP, THAT'S ME. OKAY. BYE NOW.

YOU JUST SAID ROMANCE, DIDN'T YOU?
FOR MY CAREER AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFES-SOR!!
I WANT THIS RESEARCH TO BE A SUCCESS!
THERE'S A ROMANCE TO THE BATH SALT THAT ADULTS CANNOT RESIST!


YEAH, I WANT YOUR OPINION ON IT.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S A TYPE OF BATH SALT.
HUH? REALLY?
WHEW

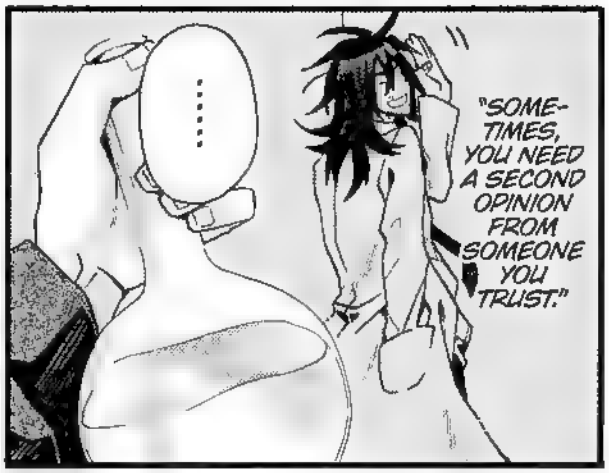
SCRATCH SCRATCH
THAT'S TOO BAD.
THEN ...
I DEFI-NITELY DON'T WANT TO DO IT.
IT'S NEVER BEEN A GOOD IDEA TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOU.


NOW, IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO KNOW HOW GIRLS REACT TO IT OR ANYTHING. THIS IS ALSO PART OF MY RESEARCH.
YOU CAN USE IT YOURSELF, BUT IT'D BE NICE IF YOU USE IT WITH A GIRL.

STOP IT.
GRAB
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I LEAK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT MY MEMORIES OF YOU WHEN YOU WERE IN SEVENTH GRADE?

DOES THIS OLD SLEAZE WANT TO BE POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS?
IF I MAKE SOMETHING, I WANT ITS USERS 100% HAPPY. Y'KNOW?
GRIP

I SEE. I SEE.
BLUB BLUB BLUB
THE WATER IS SLOWLY TURNING PINK! ♡
ビチ
SPLISH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"SOMETIMES, YOU NEED A SECOND OPINION FROM SOMEONE YOU TRUST."

とろーり CREAMY
LIKE... CORNSTARCH?
AMAZING! ♡
IT'S GOTTEN A LITTLE THICK!
OH!

PLISH PLISH
TATSUMI, WHAT IS THAT? IT'S A WEIRD SHAPE!!
IT'S A FLASK. SCIENTISTS USE IT TO... NEVER MIND.
IT DEFINITELY LOOKS SUSPICIOUS.
IS THIS REALLY A BATH SALT ...?

WHAT'S WRONG?
AH...!

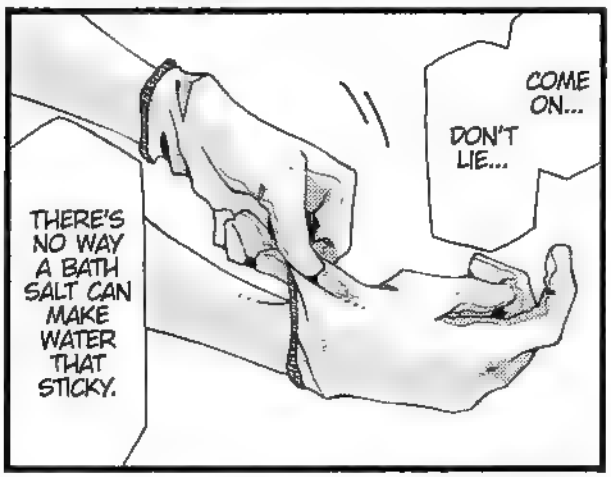
OKAY, WAKASA. I AM GIVING YOU A MISSION!!
WHAT ?!
I NEED YOU TO MONITOR THIS UNPREDICTABLE BATH SALT THAT I RECEIVED FROM A VERY SKETCHY RELATIVE!!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
BA-BAM!

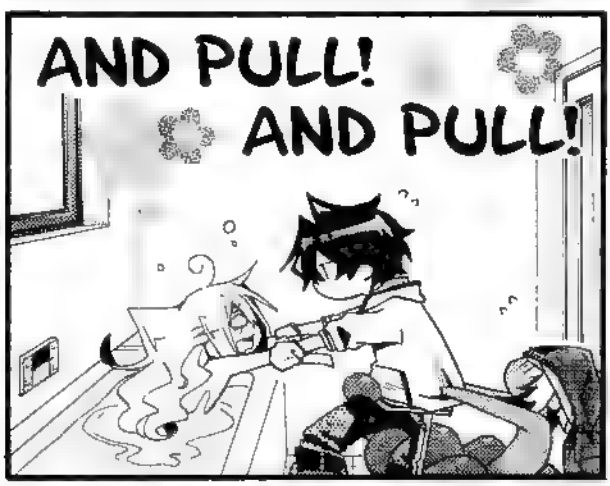
HUH...?
I... I CAN'T MOVE.

I'M TRUSTED WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT JOB ...?!
TU-THUMP!

カラ
RATTLE
'SUP~?
I WANT THE FREEDOM TO TAKE A BATH WHEN I WANT!
LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING BIG IS GOING ON~!
THAT OLD MAN...
WHAT WAS HE PLANNING TO DO, TRAP WOMEN IN A TUB...?!!

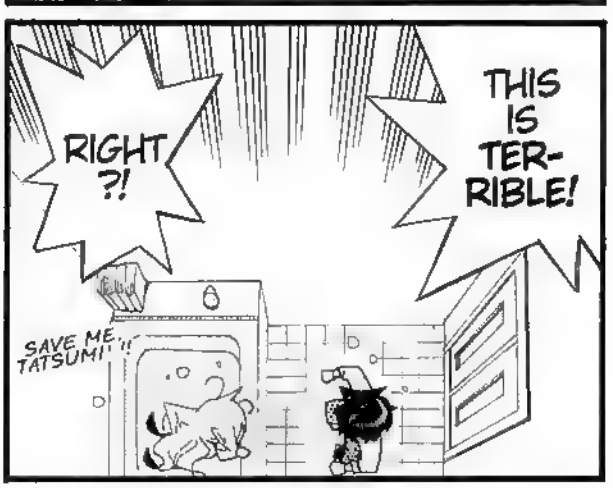
HEY...
HEY, TATSUMI!!
DID YOU PRETEND THIS WAS A BATH SALT TO TRAP ME AND SELL ME TO A MUSEUM?!
IF I PLANNED TO DO THAT, I ALREADY WOULD HAVE.
PULL
PULL


COME ON...
DON'T LIE...
THERE'S NO WAY A BATH SALT CAN MAKE WATER THAT STICKY.


AND PULL!
AND PULL!

YANK

I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE...
AMAZING!
But Wakasa couldn't be pulled out.

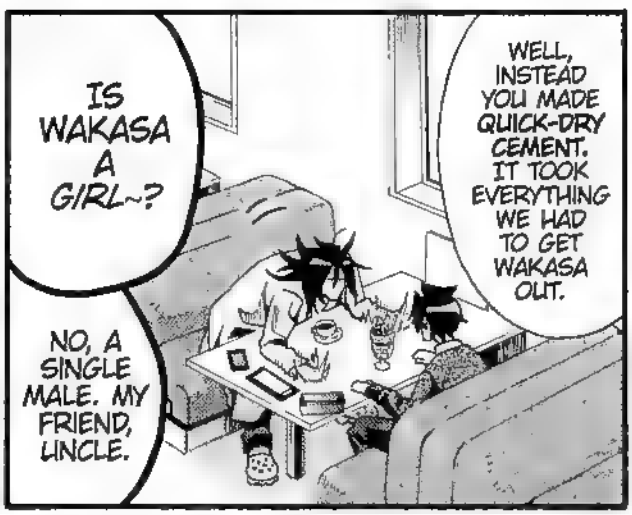

RIGHT ?!
THIS IS TER-RIBLE!
SAVE ME, TATSUMI!!

I WILL NOT LOSE TO A BATH-TUB!!
ビシィィ
SNAP
カラ
RATTLE
DID I COME AT A BAD TIME?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
カラ
RATTLE
AND PULL! AND PULL!
AND PULL! AND PULL!
And even still, Wakasa couldn't be pulled out.
Wakasa still couldn't be pulled out.

I'M SORRY FOR BARGING INTO SUCH A BATTLE-FIELD...!!
!!!
WH...
WHAT HAP-PENED HERE ...?!
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
AND PULL!
AND PULL!
And finally, Wakasa was free.

IT FAILED?
DANG. WEIRD.
I THOUGHT I'D MADE A SUPER COMFORTABLE, CREAMY BATH SALT, PERFECT FOR MASSAGING THE MUSCLES.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I'LL GO HOME AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS.
THEN YOU CAN TEST IT AGAIN, TATSU-BOY.


WELL, INSTEAD YOU MADE QUICK-DRY CEMENT. IT TOOK EVERYTHING WE HAD TO GET WAKASA OUT.
IS WAKASA A GIRL~?
NO, A SINGLE MALE. MY FRIEND, UNCLE.

HUH?
NO WAY!
IT WAS A SUMMER DAY... A SEVENTH-GRADE BOY NAMED TATSUMI GRABBED SOME LEATHER GLOVES (WITHOUT FINGERS) THAT HAPPENED TO BE THERE...
OKAY, YOU BLACK-MAILER !!
It seems he's fallen into a giant pit from which he cannot escape.
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I HEARD HE'S PRETTY BIG AND LOOKS LIKE A BEAR!
HE STARES AT ALL THE GIRLS...
AND TRIES TO SELL YOU SOME DRUG!!
WHAT'S WRONG, TATSUMI?
NOOO!

HEY, HEY. DID YOU HEAR?
SURE.
TAT-SUMI--LET'S HIT THE ARCADE.

AS I SUS-PECTED.
WHAT?

THERE'S A STRANGE OLD MAN IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES RIGHT NOW.
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO SCARY!

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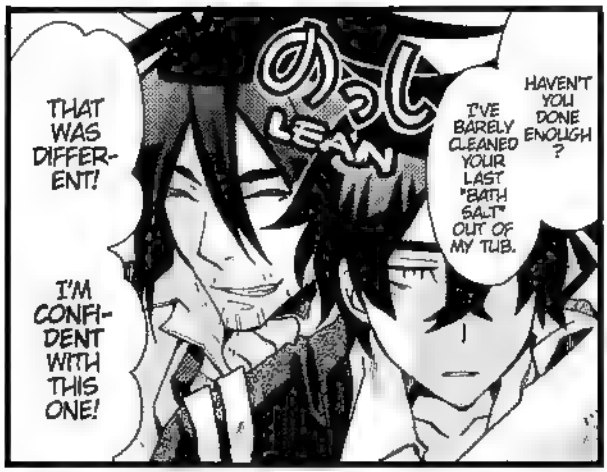
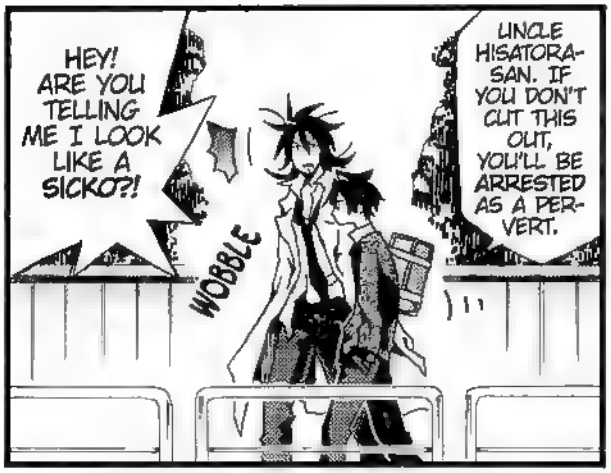
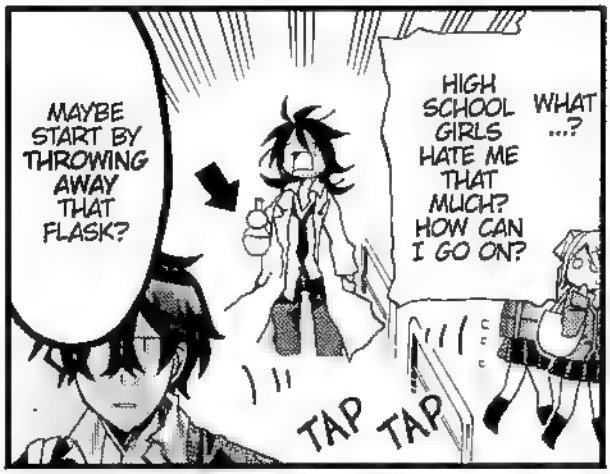
FROM THE CRADLE TO THE TUB?


LEAN
HAVEN'T YOU DONE ENOUGH?
I'VE BARELY CLEANED YOUR LAST "BATH SALT" OUT OF MY TUB.
THAT WAS DIFFERENT!
I'M CONFIDENT WITH THIS ONE!


HEY! ARE YOU TELLING ME I LOOK LIKE A SICKO?!
WOBBLE
UNCLE HISATORA-SAN. IF YOU DON'T CUT THIS OUT, YOU'LL BE ARRESTED AS A PERVERT.

THIS IS A BATH SALT THAT REJUVENATES YOU AND TIGHTENS YOUR SKIN. ♡
REALLY.


MAYBE START BY THROWING AWAY THAT FLASK?
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HATE ME THAT MUCH? HOW CAN I GO ON?
WHAT ...?
TAP TAP

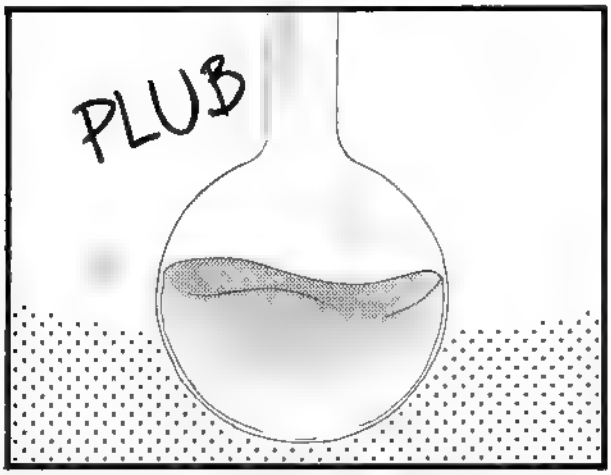
I'M ALREADY YOUNG. GIVE IT TO MY MOTHER.
IT WOULD MAKE HER HAPPY
WHAT ...?

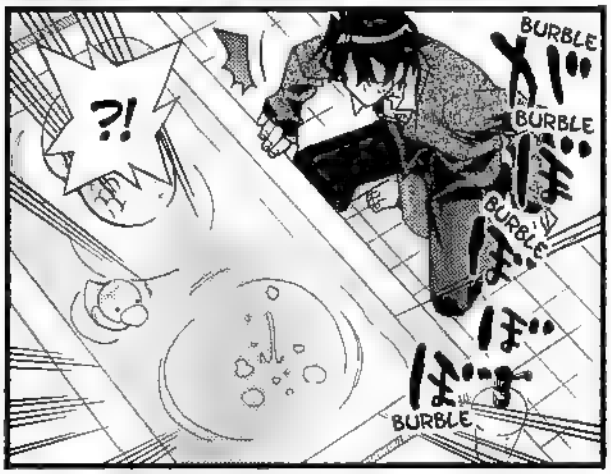
OH!
AS EXPECTED OF YOU, TATSU-BOY!
YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT THIS IS.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

LEAVE THIS TO ME.
GRAB
COME TO THINK OF IT, IN THE SEVENTH GRADE YOUR ARMS WERE OFTEN IN BANDAGES. WASN'T THAT BECAUSE--?

HERE. ♡
DON'T "HERE. ♡" ME.
WHAT'S THAT BIG SMILE FOR?

SO?
I GUESS I SHOULD ASK... HOW IS IT?
GOOD-NESS ...
THERE'S NO WAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT WILL MAKE YOU YOUNG AGAIN...


PLUB


?!
BURBLE
BURBLE
BURBLE
BURBLE

YEAH.
NOT BY CHOICE.
ビチ SPLISH
ビチ SPLISH
ビチ SPLISH
YOU GOT SOME MORE...?

SPLASH
WAKASA ?! WAKASA!

I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!!
I DON'T BLAME YOU...
AND I BET THAT HE WAS LYING ABOUT IT RESTORING YOUTH ANYWAY.

?!!
BABUU

AH!
POUR
WHAT? OKAY!

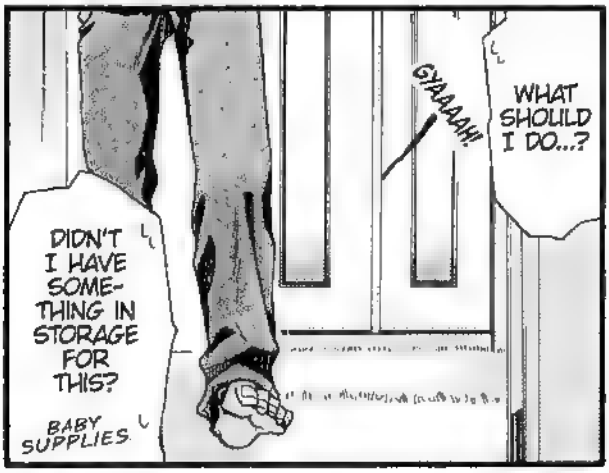
DAH!
AH!

AU AH AH!
CLIMB CLIMB
IT CAN'T BE...!
WAIT... IT...
SPLISH SPLISH

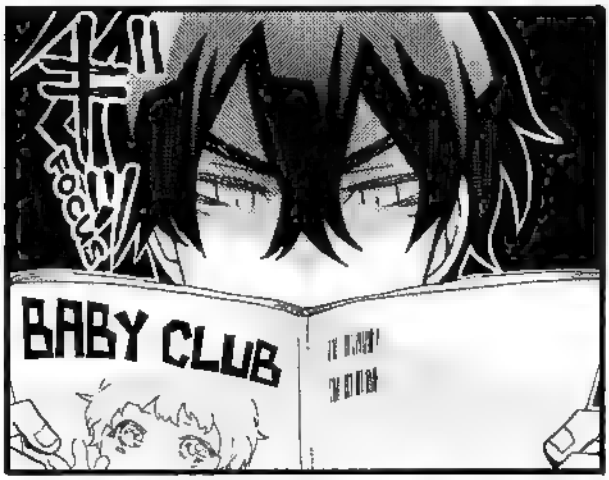
THIS MAKES YOU YOUNGER ...!!
ON THE INSIDE!!
KYAA!
KYAA!

Five minutes later.
WAAAAAAAAAH!
WHY DON'T YOU STOP CRYING?!
I SAID IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

IT'S NOT WHAT HISATORA-SAN THOUGHT ...
BUT STILL A HUGE DISCOVERY...!!


GYAAAAH!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
DIDN'T I HAVE SOMETHING IN STORAGE FOR THIS?
BABY SUPPLIES

FLINCH
YOU SHOULDN'T GET OUT OF THE TUB!!
HEY, WAKASA !!
FORGET THAT!

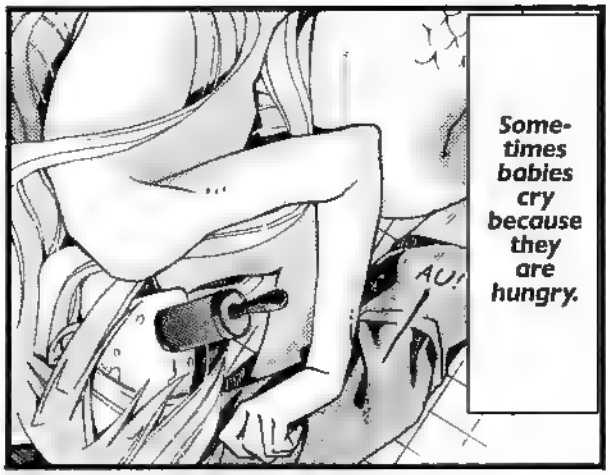

FOCUS
BABY CLUB

SLIP
AH!
WHUNK

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
AUUOH!
AUAAH!
After heavy excavation.

WAAAH!
IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE
SORRY.
WAAAH!

AH!
HE REALLY IS LIKE A BABY ON THE INSIDE.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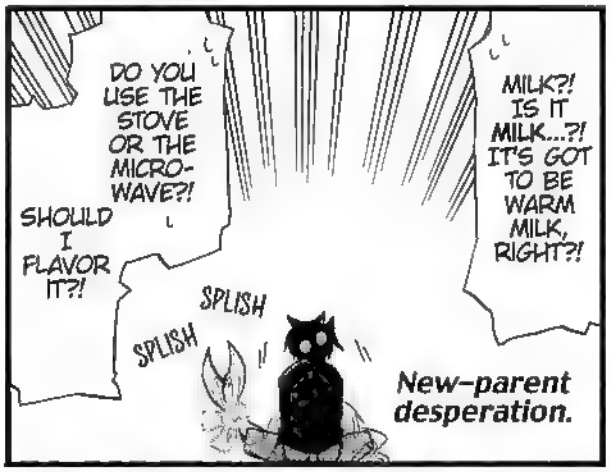
AU!
Sometimes babies cry because they are hungry.

HM?
YOU NEED TO PAT THE BABY'S BACK AND BURP HIM AFTER HE DRINKS MILK...?
FOR ALL BABIES...


DO YOU USE THE STOVE OR THE MICRO-WAVE?!
SHOULD I FLAVOR IT?!
MILK?! IS IT MILK...?! IT'S GOT TO BE WARM MILK, RIGHT?!
SPLISH
SPLISH
New-parent desperation.

THERE WE GO
LIKE THIS?
AHH!

HOT!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY IT OUT...!!
Since there was no powdered milk, he just microwaved regular milk.

KILL
HIS BODY IS FULLY GROWN, SO HE PROBABLY DOESN'T NEED TO BE BURPED.
WAIT...
KILL
SO HEAVY

Drinking it all up

ガラガラ
TURN TURN
ラン
TURN
キュア!
キュア!
JUST SHOW HIM WHATEVER

YES YES OKAY OKAY
YOU'RE AS HARD TO HOLD AS USUAL

KYA!
KYA!
OUCH OUCH OUCH

すぅ
zzz
EXHAUSTED
HE'S FINALLY ASLEEP

BA-BAM
THAT'S AMAZING !!
SO, YOU USED SOME ON THIS WAKASA GIRL AND SHE BECAME YOUR BABY?!

The next day.
SIGH...
.....

THUMP THUMP
I'M GOING TO GET A HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GIRL TO TRY IT OUT FOR ME!! THEN THEY'LL BE MY BABY!
I KEEP TELL-ING YOU, WAKASA ISN'T --
NO, NO ...

HE'S ALREADY AN OLD MAN WHO'S LIKE A THIRD-GRADE KID INSIDE.
FWIP
I DON'T WANT TO...DO IT ANYMORE!
EVERYONE I TALK TO TREATS ME LIKE A PERVERT.

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CHAPTER 52
LET'S PARTY!!

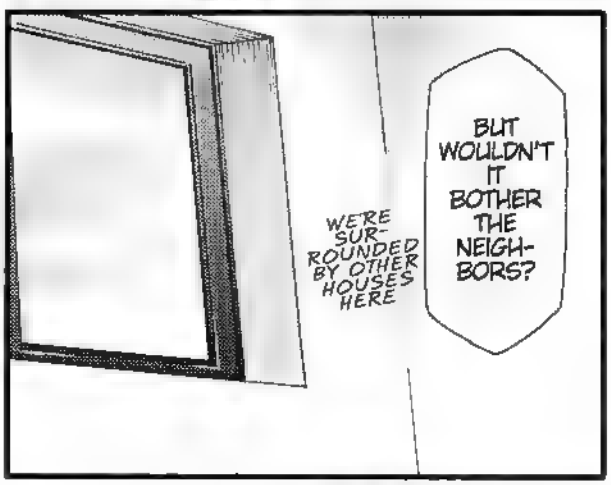
WELL...
THE OLD LADIES ARE PRETTY ABSORBED IN THEIR GOSSIP...
GRIPE
GRIPE
GRIPE
COME ON, LET'S DO IT!
WHY NOT?

OH. THIS?
AND THERE'S SOMETHING HERE.
WHAT HM? DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND...?

I...I CAN'T DO IT, EITHER. IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME!
UM... I'LL JUST WATCH--
ALL RIGHT! ROCK, PAPER, SCIS-SORS--!
HUH? YOU DON'T WANT TO SING?

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO SAY.
I SEE.
I FIXED A BROKEN KARAOKE MACHINE I FOUND, SO WE GOTTA USE IT, RIGHT?
SO LET'S SING~!!

I WANTED TO HEAR YOU GUYS SING.


WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED BY OTHER HOUSES HERE
BUT WOULDN'T IT BOTHER THE NEIGH-BORS?

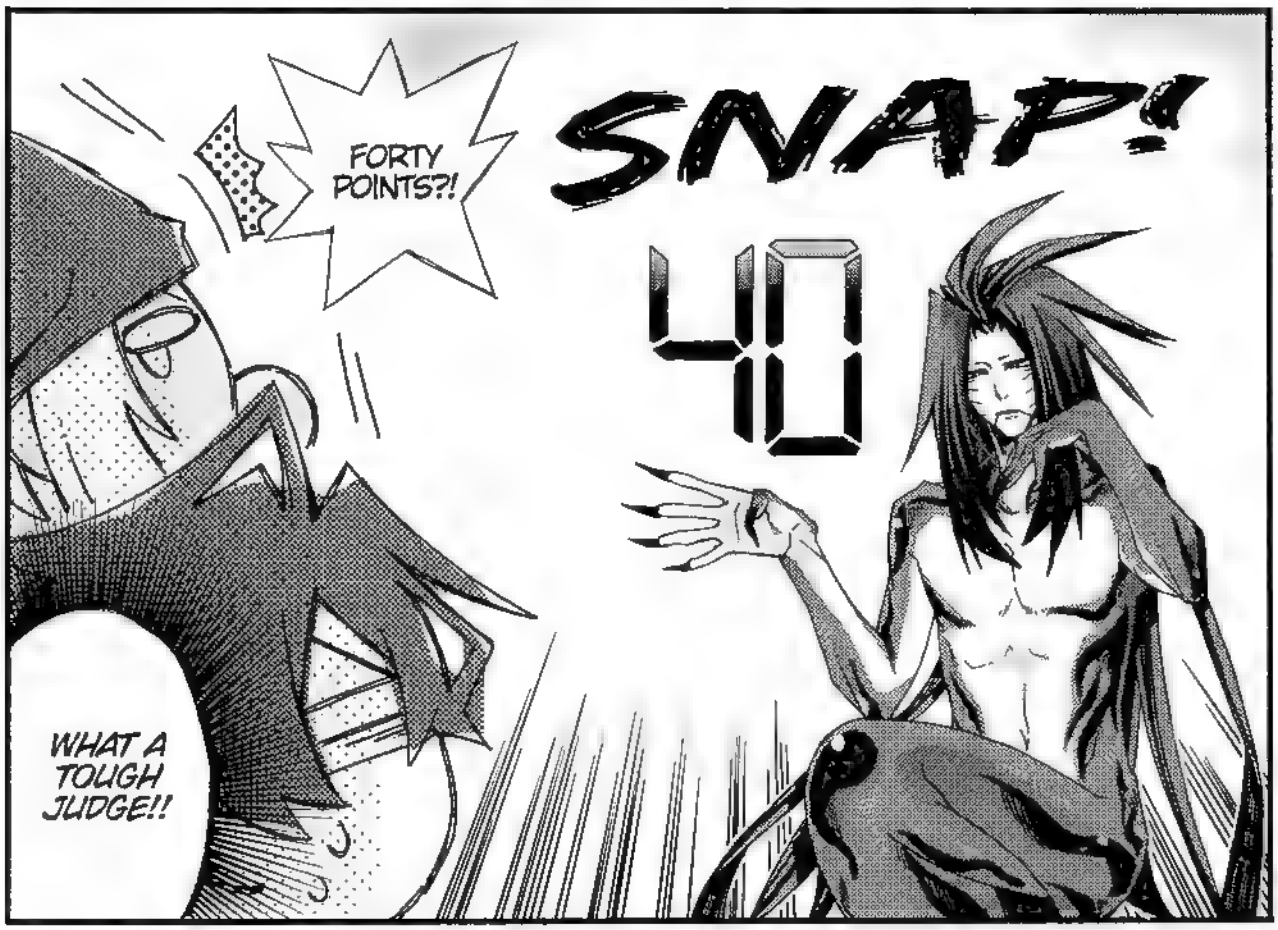
STARE
HUH ...?

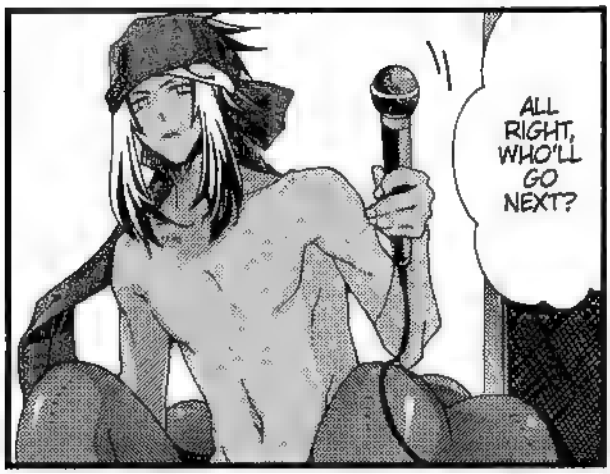
TRUE...
ISN'T IT NORMAL TO SING WHILE TAKING A BATH?

ULTRA-JUTSU!!
ALL RIGHT! I'M FIRST UP!!

WELL WE'RE AROUND WATER AFTER ALL
CLUNK CLUNK
HUH ...?
THE SCORING SYSTEM IS BROKEN ...?
HUH?
すっ
SNWIP

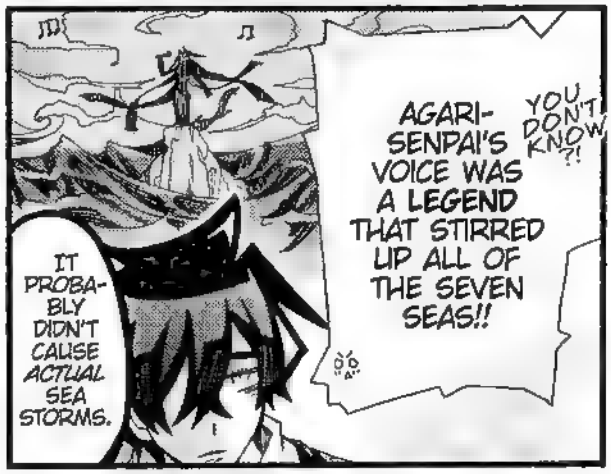
OOOOH——!!
CLAP
CLAP CLAP
STRAIGHTEN


FORTY POINTS?!
SNAP!
40
WHAT A TOUGH JUDGE!!


ALL RIGHT, WHO'LL GO NEXT?

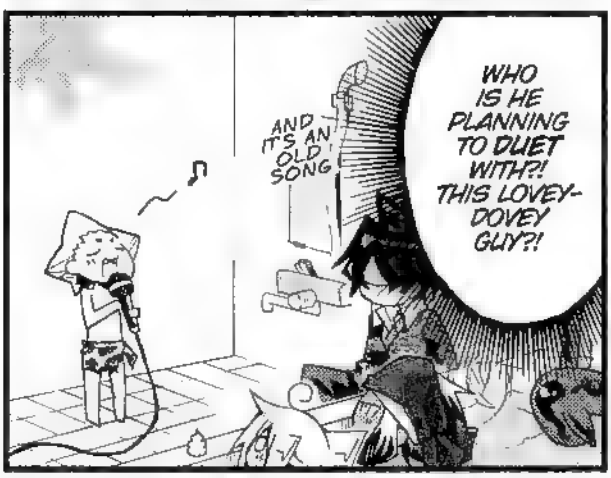
WHY?
THAT'LL BE PERFECT!
YOU'RE GOING TO SCORE US?!
ビチ SPLISH
SPLISH ビチ

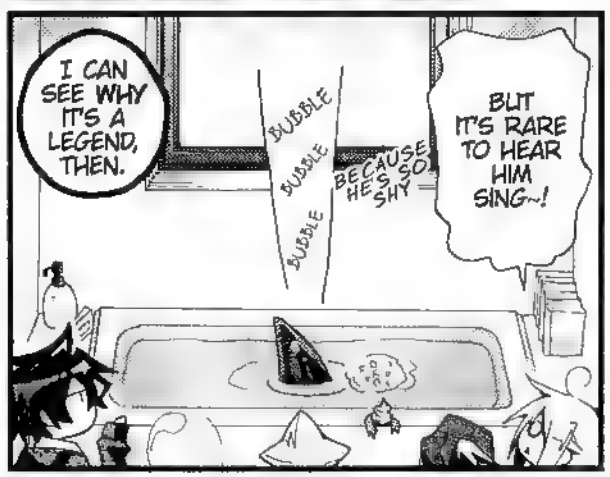
IT IS MY TURN!!
IT'S GORO-MARU. HE PROBABLY CHOSE A J-POP SONG THAT HAS TO DO WITH ENJOYING REAL LOVE.


AGARI-SENPAI'S VOICE WAS A LEGEND THAT STIRRED UP ALL OF THE SEVEN SEAS!!
YOU DON'T KNOW?!
IT PROBA-BLY DIDN'T CAUSE ACTUAL SEA STORMS.

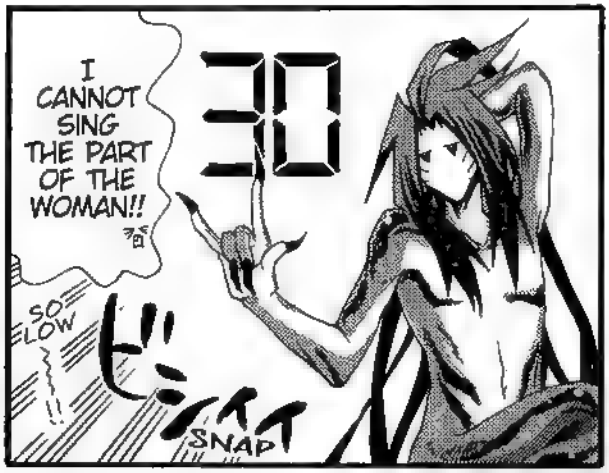
"THE DAY LOVE WAS BORN."

I KIND OF WANT TO HEAR YOU SING.


WHO IS HE PLANNING TO DUET WITH?! THIS LOVEY-DOVEY GUY?!
AND IT'S AN OLD SONG.


I CAN SEE WHY IT'S A LEGEND, THEN.
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BECAUSE HE'S SO SHY
BUT IT'S RARE TO HEAR HIM SING~!

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE GOOD AT KARAOKE.
REALLY?
I WANT TO DIE RIGHT NOW...!!
WHAT KIND OF HAZING IS THIS ...?!
YOU WANT ME TO GO AFTER THAT...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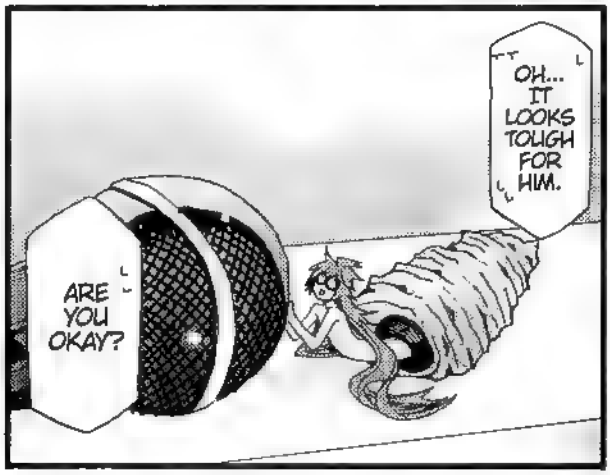
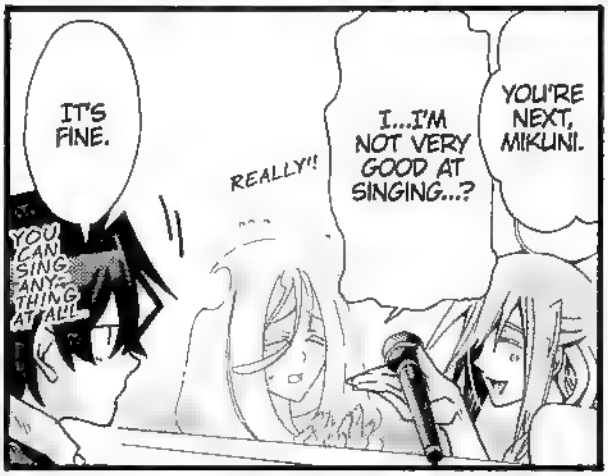
I CANNOT SING THE PART OF THE WOMAN!!
SO SLOW
SNAP


OH... IT LOOKS TOUGH FOR HIM.
ARE YOU OKAY?


IT'S FINE.
YOU CAN SING ANYTHING AT ALL!!
REALLY!!
I...I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT SINGING...?
YOU'RE NEXT, MIKUNI.

YOU GIVE LOVE... A BAD NAME!!

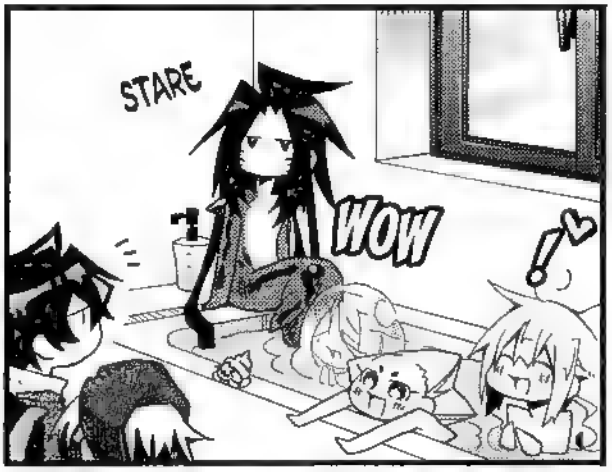
TWINKLE, TWINKLE ...
LITTLE STAR...

70
SNAAAP
SOME PEOPLE BECOME TOTALLY DIFFERENT WHEN THEY HOLD A MIC...!!
SEE?

80
WHAT A SWEET AND CLEAR VOICE.
I ALMOST FELL ASLEEP
SNAAP

IT CAN'T BE HELPED I'LL SING WITH YOU!!
And a common scene.

HERE! YOU'RE NEXT, TATSUMI!
HUH?


STARE
WOW
!

COME ON! SING!
N...
NO, I...

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SNAAAP
THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD!!

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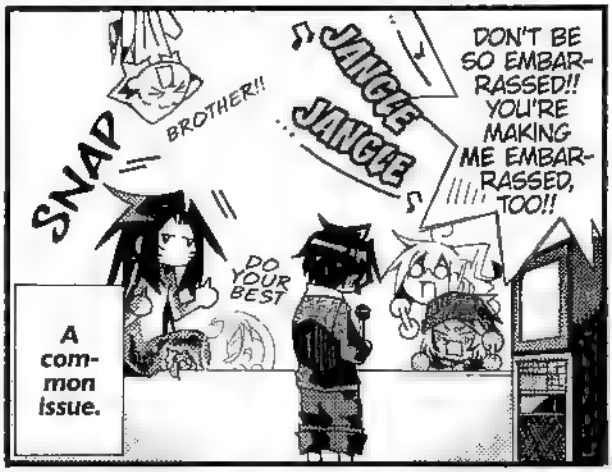
SNAP
THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!
SNAAP


SNAP
BROTHER!!
JANGLE
JANGLE
DON'T BE SO EMBARRASSED!! YOU'RE MAKING ME EMBARRASSED, TOO!!
DO YOUR BEST
A common issue.

MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE.
"DROWNING LESSONS."
GASP!
WAIT A SEC...!
SPLASH
OKAY!!
LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, IS ME!!
WELCOME
AH
AH
HUH
DON'T THEY SAY THE SONGS OF MERMAIDS AND SIRENS...?
ENRAPTURE MEN AND DRAG THEM TO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA...?!
KROOSH
HE'S GOING TO SING THAT?!
THE IMAGE JUST

I FEEL STUPID FOR WORRYING.
AND YOUR SCORE IS PRETTY NORMAL.
THIS HAS GOTTEN PRETTY EXCITING. CAN WE DO A SECOND ROUND?!
SILENCE
SNAAP
70
THE VOICE OF A MERMAN...
IN THE END...
NOTHING HAPPENED.
WH...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?!
AH HA HA!
HUFF
I...
I CAN'T GET BACK UP...!!
Mervoices (of men) weaken the knees of women.
I'VE COMPLETELY FALLEN IN LOVE...
HUFF
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOME REALLY NICE MUSIC, THEN...!
HUFF
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL VOICE...!
HUFF

Merman
in My Tub

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OPEN CLOSE
ぱくぱく
OPEN CLOSE
ぱくぱく

SPLISH
SPLISH

OPEN CLOSE
ぱくぱく
WE ALREADY DID THE CARP CHAPTER.

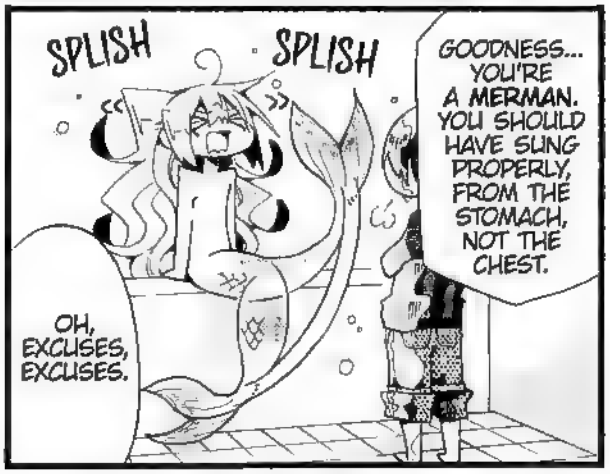
YOU'RE SPLASHING AROUND A LOT.
GA-CHAK
DID YOU NEED SOME-THING?

CHAPTER 53
UNSPEAKABLE FEELINGS

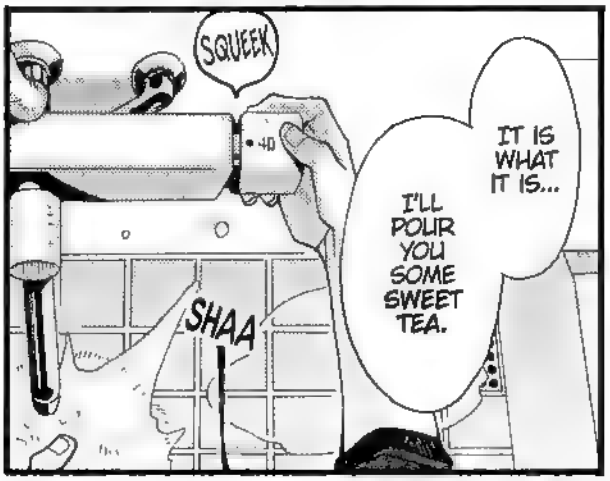
ピンポーン
DING DONG
HELLO, BIG BROTHER!

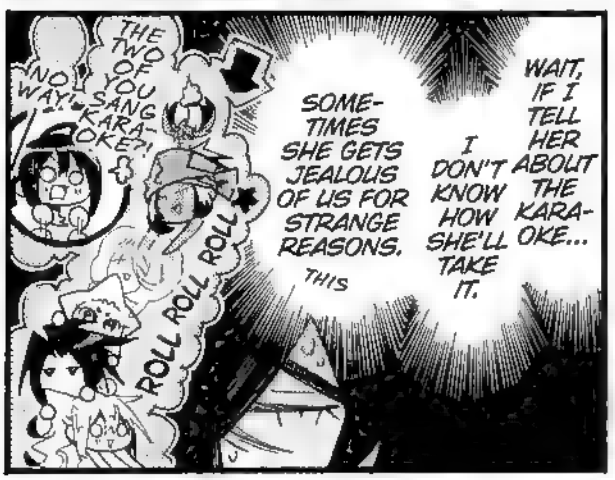
NOD NOD
HM?
YOU MESSED UP YOUR THROAT FROM KARAOKE AND CAN'T TALK?

I CAME TO PLAY...
HERE, THIS IS FROM MOM.
YEAH.
I HAVE TO MAKE SOME TEA, SO GO ON AHEAD TO THE BATH-ROOM.
RUSTLE


SPLISH
SPLISH
GOODNESS... YOU'RE A MERMAN. YOU SHOULD HAVE SUNG PROPERLY, FROM THE STOMACH, NOT THE CHEST.
OH, EXCUSES, EXCUSES.

?
MAKE TEA? WHY?
WELL... YESTER-DAY, WAKA-SA...


SQUEEK
IT IS WHAT IT IS...
I'LL POUR YOU SOME SWEET TEA.
SHAA


THE TWO OF YOU SANG KARA-OKE?!
NO WAY!
ROLL ROLL ROLL
SOME-TIMES SHE GETS JEALOUS OF US FOR STRANGE REASONS.
THIS
I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE'LL TAKE IT.
WAIT, IF I TELL HER ABOUT THE KARA-OKE...

キュ!
WRAP!
GUEH!
KEEP YOUR THROAT WARM WHILE YOU WAIT.

HIS CHEEKS ARE RED.
HE LOST HIS VOICE.
HIS HEART IS RACING.
A MERMAN.
WELL... FOR VARIOUS REASONS, HE LOST HIS VOICE...
SO, I'M GOING TO MAKE SOME TEA THAT'S GOOD FOR THE THROAT
HOW DO YOU LOSE A VOICE...?
KA-CHAK
STEAM
FISH-SAN, HELLO.
ARE YOU ALL...
?!
?!!
キャーーーっ!!
KYAAA!!
FISH-SAN, COULD IT BE...
ARE YOU IN LOVE ?!!
HE WAS JUST STRUGGLING TO REMOVE THE TOWEL.
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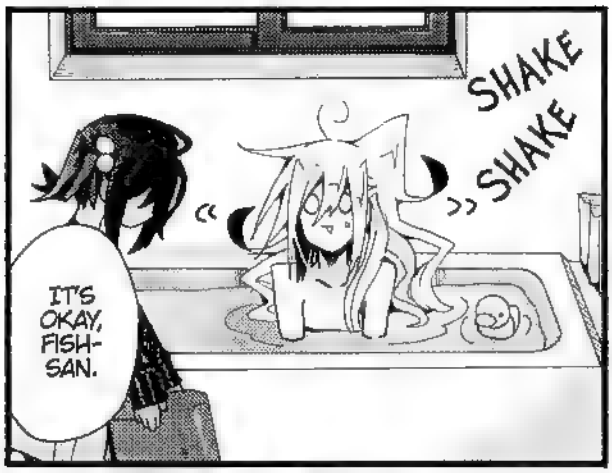
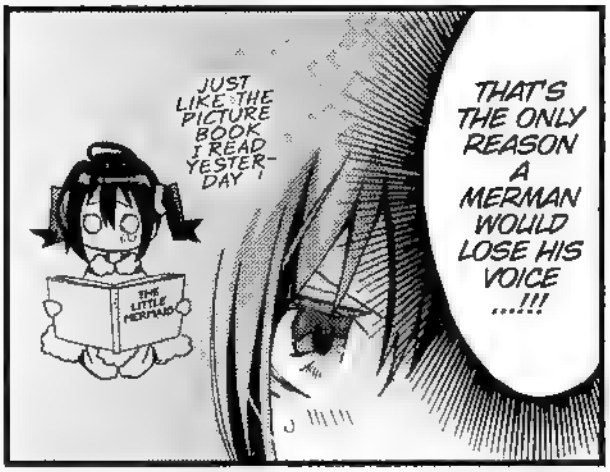

SHAKE
SHAKE
IT'S OKAY, FISH-SAN.


JUST LIKE THE PICTURE BOOK I READ YESTERDAY!
THE LITTLE MERMAID
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON A MERMAN WOULD LOSE HIS VOICE ...!!!

DON'T BE EMBARRASSED. EVERYONE HAS FEELINGS SO DEEP THEY CAN'T EXPRESS THEM IN WORDS!

GRAB
FISH-SAN!!

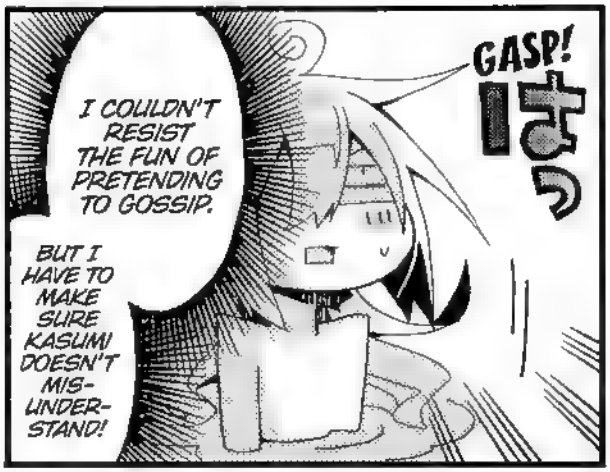
SCOOT
SO? WHO IS IT?
TELL ME.

YOU... FELL IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN, DIDN'T YOU...?
AND THEN YOU ASKED A WITCH TO MAKE YOU HUMAN.
AND SHE STOLE YOUR VOICE, DIDN'T SHE?!

KYA!
KYA!
I WON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE~!
BLUSH
BLUSH
HURRY UP AND TELL ME
JEEZ

HUH? LOVE? FAIRY TALE?
?!
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?!
SPLISH
AHH ...!
IT'S JUST LIKE THE FAIRY TALE...!!
WHAT TO DO..!!
EEK!

DID SHE TAKE THAT AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?!
TURN
ドン!
Y...
YOU CAN'T, FISH-SAN...!!


I COULDN'T RESIST THE FUN OF PRETENDING TO GOSSIP.
BUT I HAVE TO MAKE SURE KASUMI DOESN'T MIS-UNDER-STAND!
GASP!
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GAZE
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
ANOTHER MISUNDER-STANDING ...!
AHH!

GRAB
カリ

HE'S LOOKING AT ME WITH SUCH A SERIOUS GAZE...!!
WHAT...?
THA-THUMP

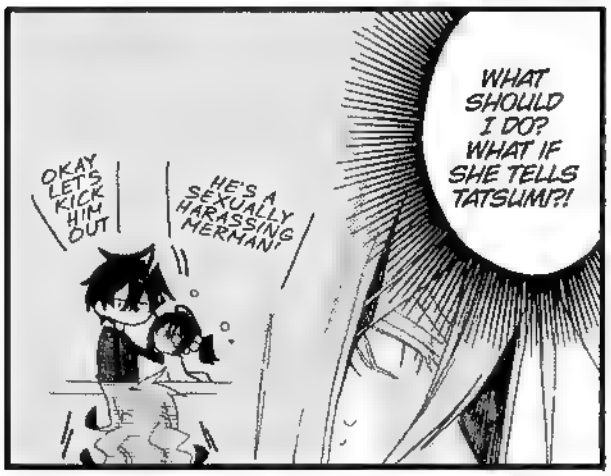
WHA ...?!
NO...!
AH?

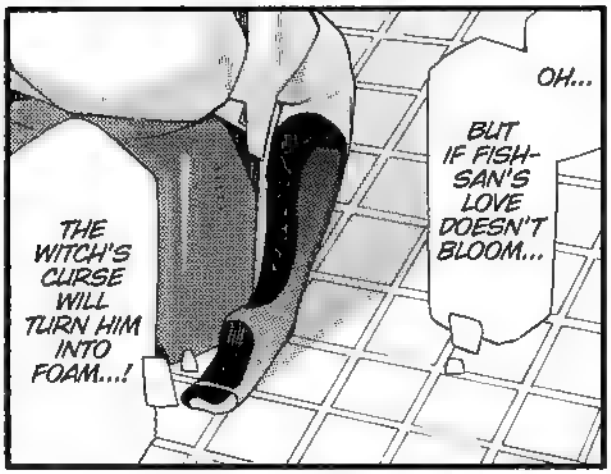
THIS MAY NOT BE A GOOD TIME TO BARGE IN.
STARE
Another person gazing in.

SHOCK
COULD IT BE ME?!!
HE'S MAKING SUCH A SERIOUS FACE...!!

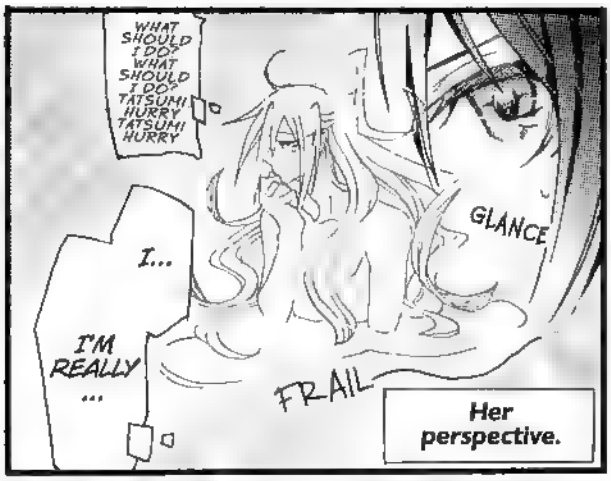
BROTH-ER!!
GA-CHAK
FIN-ISHED? WANT AN ICED DRINK?
OR JUST AN ICE-BREAKER?

EEK!!
TAT-SUMI WILL GET MAD IF HE FINDS OUT!!
I... LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT WON'T CHANGE ANY-THING ...!!
I HAVE MY BROTH-ER...!!


WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT IF SHE TELLS TATSUMI?!
OKAY LET'S KICK HIM OUT
HE'S A SEXUALLY HARASSING MERMAN!


OH...
BUT IF FISH-SAN'S LOVE DOESN'T BLOOM...
THE WITCH'S CURSE WILL TURN HIM INTO FOAM...!

SLIDE
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN ...!!


WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO? TATSUMI! HURRY TATSUMI! HURRY
GLANCE
I...
I'M REALLY ...
FRAIL
Her perspective.

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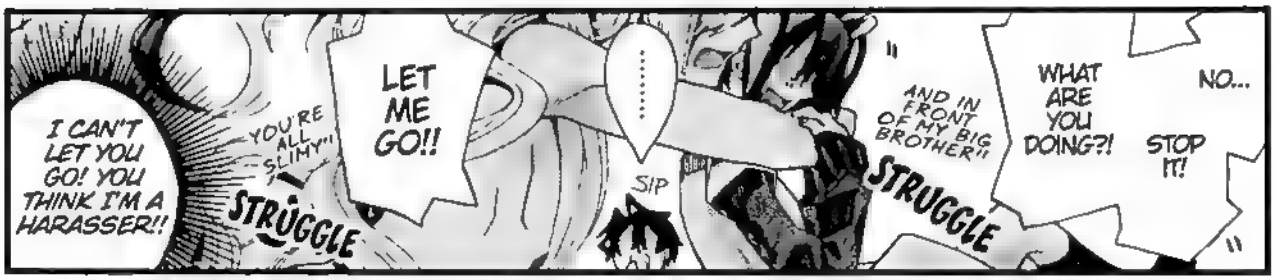
SQUEEZE

HOW SINFUL OF A WOMAN AM I...?!
AAAHN!!
I CAN'T GIVE YOU MY LIPS!


I CAN'T LET YOU GO! YOU THINK I'M A HARASSER!!
YOU'RE ALL SLIMY!!
STRUGGLE
LET ME GO!!
.....
SIP
AND IN FRONT OF MY BIG BROTHER!!
STRUGGLE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
NO... STOP IT!

BUT...
IF I'M LOVED THIS MUCH...
FISH-SAN MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD... I MEAN...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

HM?
I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU, BROTHER!!
I WAS WEAK! I'M SORRY!!
SPONK
EEK!
NOO!!
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND, BROTHER!!

AND NOW YOU THINK WAKASA'S IN LOVE... WITH YOU?
THE LITTLE MER-MAID...?

YOU WON'T TURN TO FOAM AND DISAP-PEAR?
OF COURSE NOT!
YEAH!
YOU REALLY AREN'T IN LOVE...?
OH.

HE'S MORE LIKE A CARP-MAN, ANYWAYS.
SO RUDE!!
FOR VARIOUS REASONS
THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE.

The merman and little one of my house...
Are still too young for love.
WHAT IS THIS WEIRD FLOATING BOX?
SPLISH
YES, MA'AM!
YOU SHOULD APPROACH YOUR LOVED ONES AS YOU ARE!!
DON'T LET YOUR-SELF BE TRICKED BY A WITCH!
LISTEN TO ME, OKAY?!
I SEE!
.....

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in My Tub

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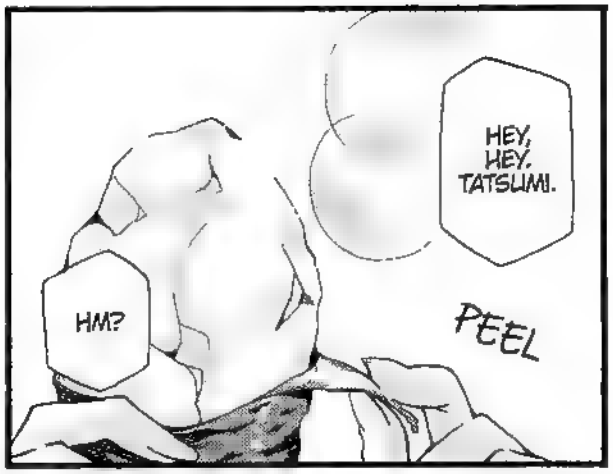
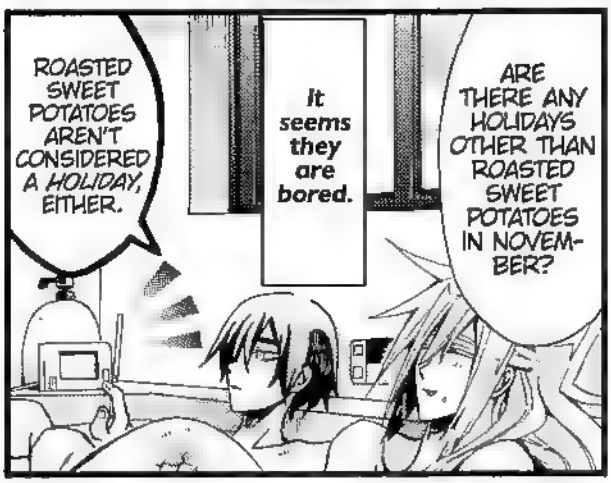
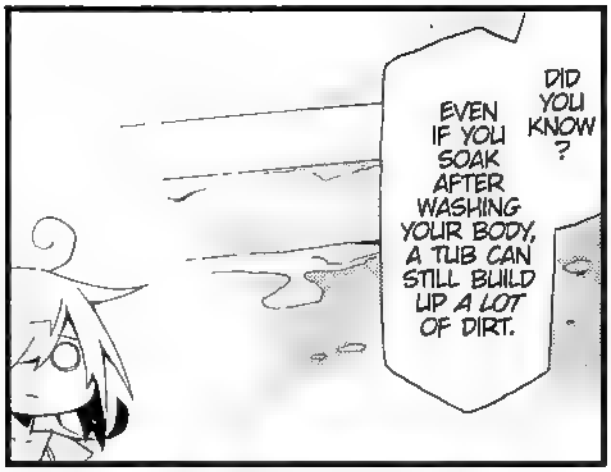



ROASTED SWEET POTATOES AREN'T CONSIDERED A HOLIDAY, EITHER.
It seems they are bored.
ARE THERE ANY HOLIDAYS OTHER THAN ROASTED SWEET POTATOES IN NOVEMBER?

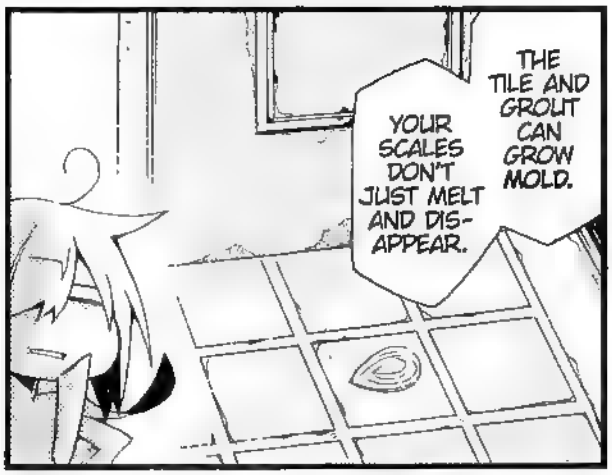
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY TALKING LIKE AN OLD MAN?
OM NOM
THE ROASTED SWEET POTATOES ARE DELICIOUS.
IT'S NOVEMBER AND IT'S GOTTEN REALLY CHILLY.

CHAPTER 54
GOOD BATH DAY INCIDENT!!

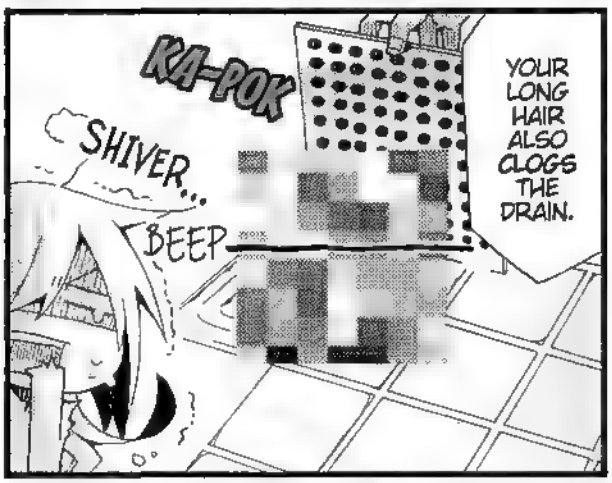
OH!
I JUST THOUGHT OF A GREAT IDEA!
WHAT?
WE CAN MAKE A HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE INSTEAD!
WELL, CULTURE DAY IS ON THE 3RD AND LABOR THANKS-GIVING DAY IS ON THE 23RD.
WHAT DO YOU DO ON THOSE HOLIDAYS?
THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US.
ドヤァァ
WOWIE ZOWIE!
NOVEM-BER 26.
WE CAN CALL IT GOOD BATH DAY!
AREN'T I AMAZING?!
The Japan Bath Additive Industry Association invented it.
HUH ?!
THAT HOLIDAY ALREADY EXISTS.

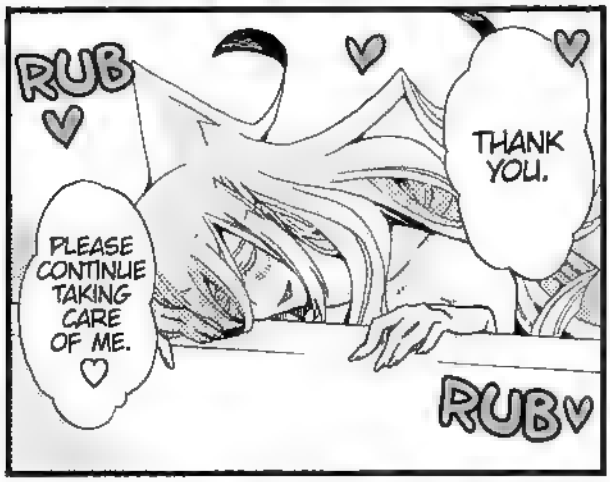

DID YOU KNOW?
EVEN IF YOU SOAK AFTER WASHING YOUR BODY, A TUB CAN STILL BUILD UP A LOT OF DIRT.

YOU'RE GOING TO THANK THE TUB?
TH... THEN WHY DON'T WE MIX THAT WITH LABOR THANKS-GIVING DAY?!


YOUR SCALES DON'T JUST MELT AND DIS-APPEAR.
THE TILE AND GROUT CAN GROW MOLD.

Clean-ing set.
WELL, YOU DEFINITELY USE THE TUB MORE THAN ANY OTHER PERSON IN THE WORLD.
THAT'S KIND OF COMMEN-DABLE IN A WAY.
SWOOSH

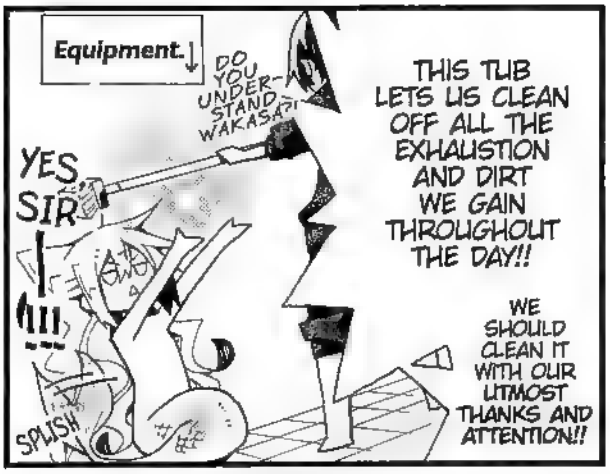

KA-POK
SHIVER...
BEEP
YOUR LONG HAIR ALSO CLOGS THE DRAIN.


RUB
THANK YOU.
PLEASE CONTINUE TAKING CARE OF ME.
RUB

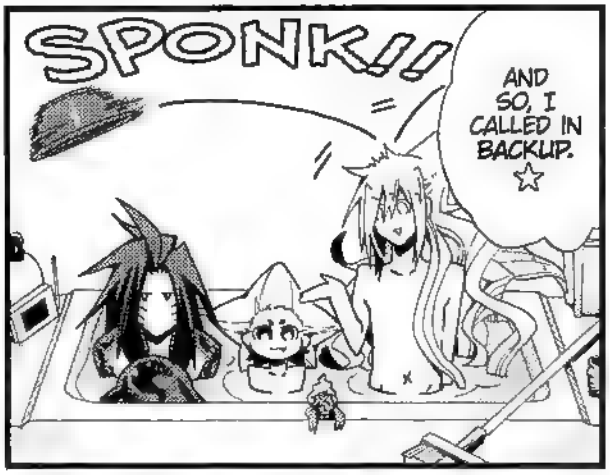
KA-POK
LEAVE IT TO ME!
LOOK. I'LL GIVE YOU SOME CHESTNUT RICE AFTER WE FINISH?

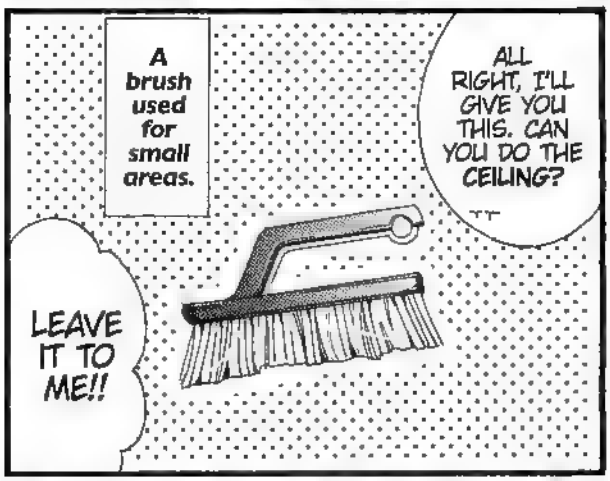
AAHN! SCRUB
YOU CAN'T JUST SAY, "THANK YOU"!!

WHAT --?!!
I'LL MAKE SOME TEA
PLEASE WAIT UNTIL WE FINISH CLEANING THE BATHROOM.
WELL, IT'S FINE.
HMPH!


Equipment.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WAKASA?!
YES SIR!!!
THIS TUB LETS US CLEAN OFF ALL THE EXHAUSTION AND DIRT WE GAIN THROUGHOUT THE DAY!!
WE SHOULD CLEAN IT WITH OUR UTMOST THANKS AND ATTENTION!!
SPLISH

I WANT EQUIPMENT, TOO!!!
HOW TERRIBLE OF YOU TO LEAVE ME OUT!!


SPONK!!
AND SO, I CALLED IN BACKUP. ☆


A brush used for small areas.
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS. CAN YOU DO THE CEILING?
LEAVE IT TO ME!!

REALLY?
THEY JUST CAME OVER TO PLAY
THAT? WAS JUST A JOKE.

STARE
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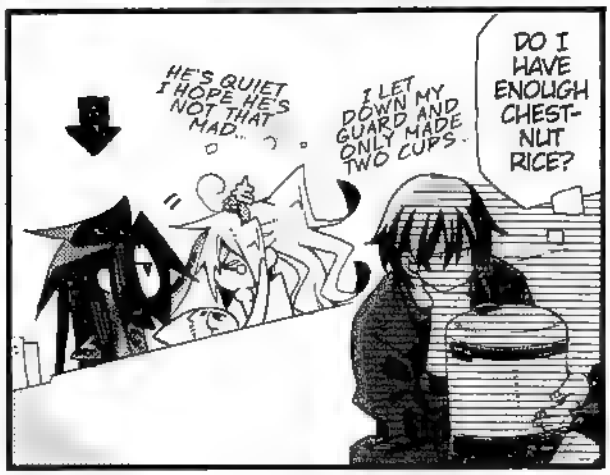
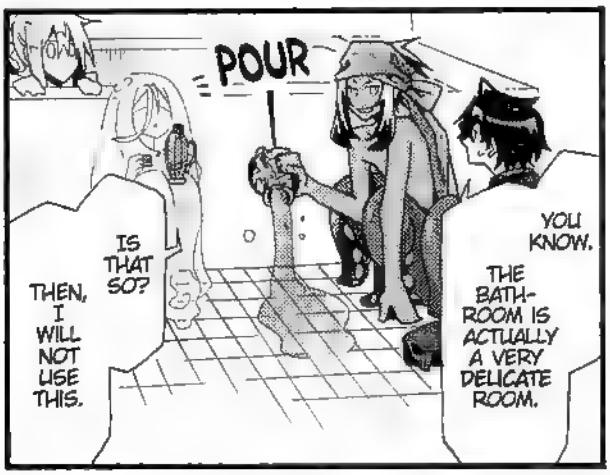
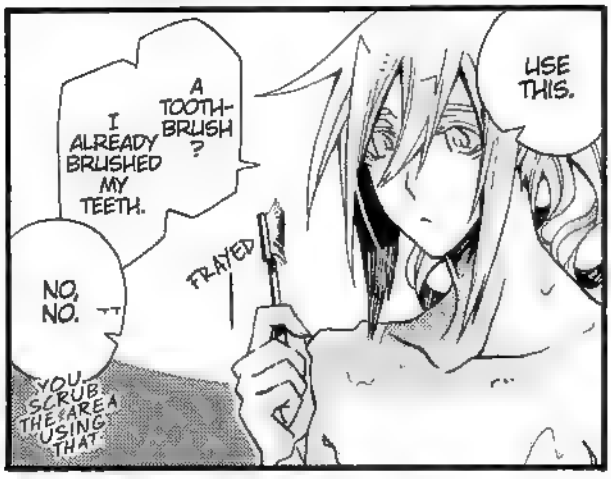

HE'S QUIET. I HOPE HE'S NOT THAT MAD...
I LET DOWN MY GUARD AND ONLY MADE TWO CUPS.
DO I HAVE ENOUGH CHESTNUT RICE?

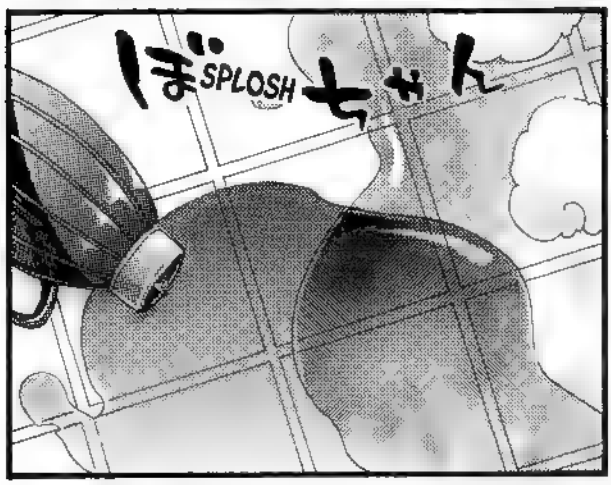
SLIDE
SO CUTE!!
WE'LL USE THIS FIRST.
IT'S FAMOUS FOR ABSORBING BATH BUILD-UP IF IT JUST FLOATS IN THE TUB.
Akapakkun.
WAKASA, LET'S START.
LET'S BE QUICK.
YOU TWO WAIT IN THE POOL.
BROTH-ER!!
I AM REMOV-ING A LOT OF DIRT!!
FLOAT
FLOAT
SIGH...


POUR
YOU KNOW. THE BATH-ROOM IS ACTUALLY A VERY DELICATE ROOM.
IS THAT SO?
THEN, I WILL NOT USE THIS.

HEY, TAT-SUMI. I CAN'T CLEAN THE DIRT OFF THIS AREA...
CLUNK
CLUNK
OF COURSE YOU CAN'T, USING A BRUSH THAT BIG.

THUMP
IT'LL BE FINE! WITH MY GENTLE TOUCH, IT'LL WORK OUT.
AH!
YOU'RE NOT WHAT I'D CALL GENTLE.


USE THIS.
A TOOTH-BRUSH?
I ALREADY BRUSHED MY TEETH.
FRAYED
NO, NO.
YOU SCRUB THE AREA USING THAT.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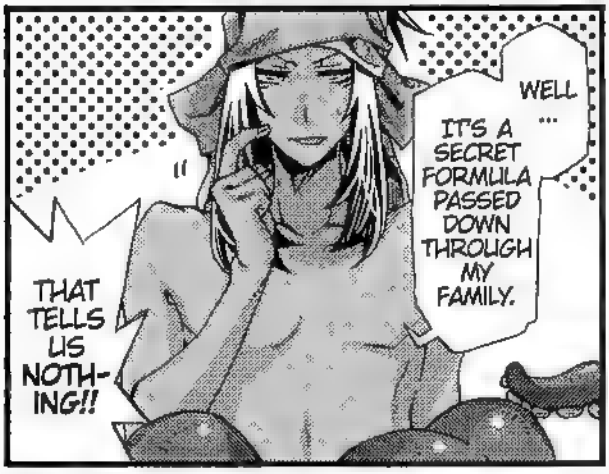
RATTLE
HEY, HEY... DON'T DO THINGS SO SLOWLY.
LET'S DO IT THE EASY WAY.

I-IF WE SPREAD IT OUT, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM!!!
I'M SORRY...
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
PUSH
※Don't mix cleansers! It's dangerous!! Kids, absolutely do not try this at home!!!

I'M SUPER HYPER WORRIED.
~TAKASU~ "Super Hyper Miracle Cleaner."
~MIKUNI~ "It Takes Away the Dirt."

WHAT DID YOU BRING, TAKASU?!
THAT... REALLY STINKS!
HUH?!
WHAT...?!

YOU HAVE TO USE CLEANERS CAREFULLY LIKE THEY ARE INTENDED!!
HEY!!
IGNO-RANCE IS SCARY!!
DONT JUST MIX THEM LIKE PAINTS!!


THAT TELLS US NOTH-ING!!
WELL...
IT'S A SECRET FORMULA PASSED DOWN THROUGH MY FAMILY.

YEAH. IT'S A BIT SMELLY THOUGH.
DON'T BUT... YOU THINK IT'S GOTTEN PRETTY CLEAN?

ALL OF YOU GET OVER HERE!
THE BATH-ROOM IS DANGER-OUS NOW!
TURU

HEY...

I SHOULD RINSE IT WITH WATER.
FLASH

HUH?
I CAN SEE SOME STRANGE SMOKE.

BOOM
FIZZLE...
THE TUB...
SPURT
WHAT AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS!!
IT'S REALLY CLEAN NOW... SO CLEAN IT NO LONGER EXISTS...
CENSORED

Merman
in My Tub

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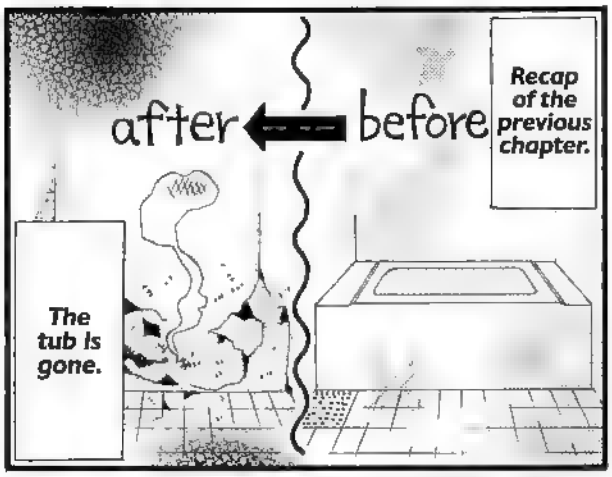
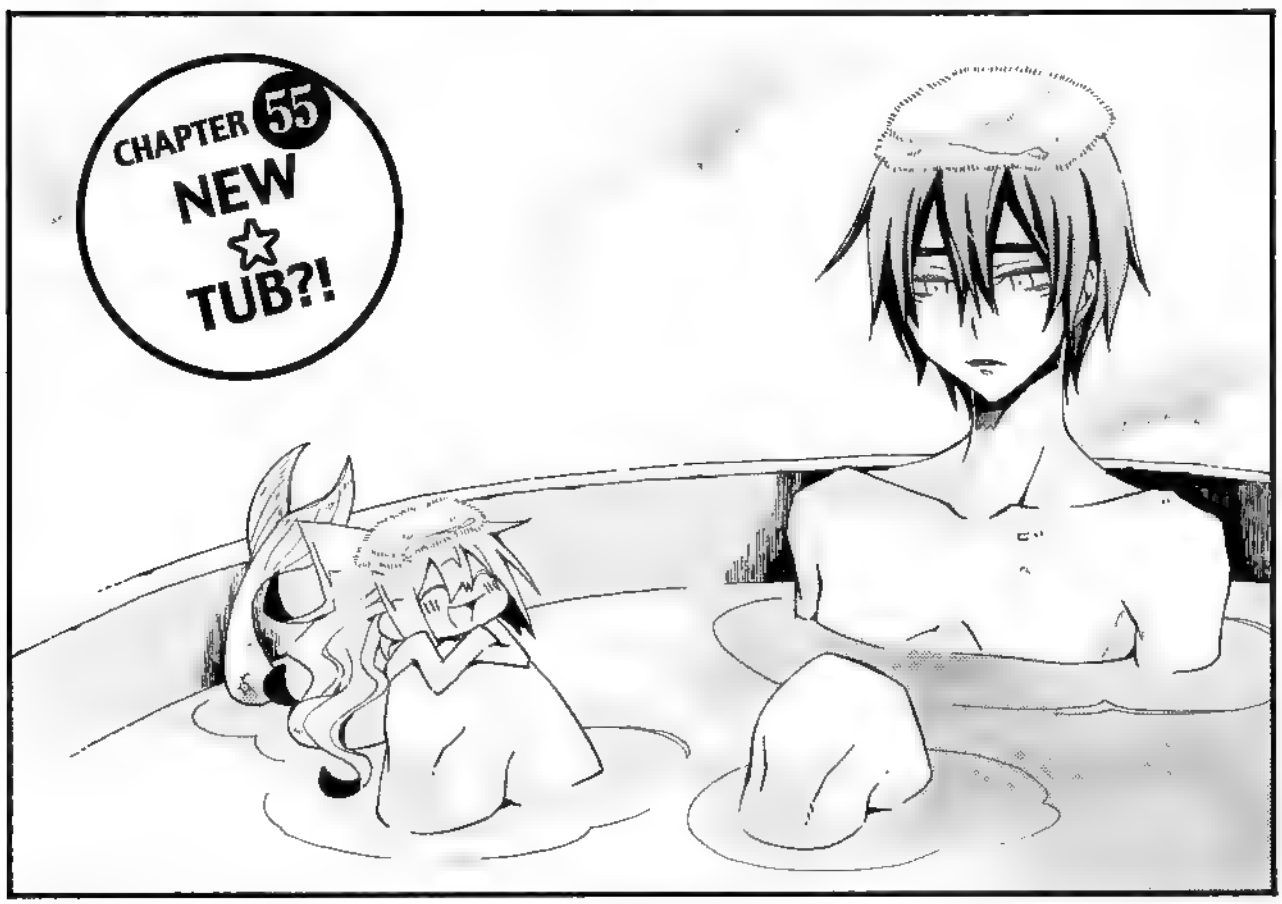
KA-SHUNK
.....


after
before
Recap of the previous chapter.
The tub is gone.

KER-PLUNK
SPLISH

カララ...
RATTLE
.....
I'LL CALL THE REPAIR-MAN FIRST.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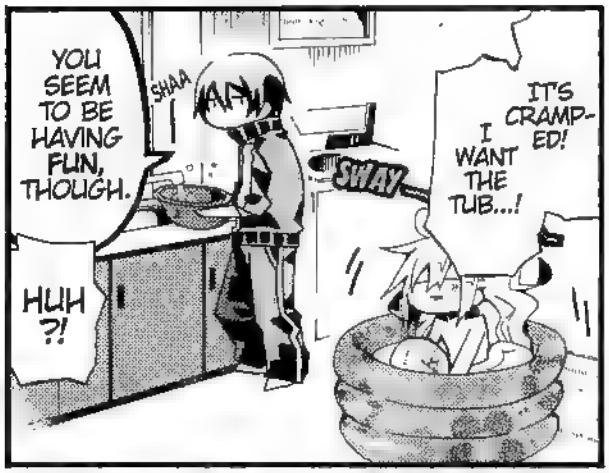
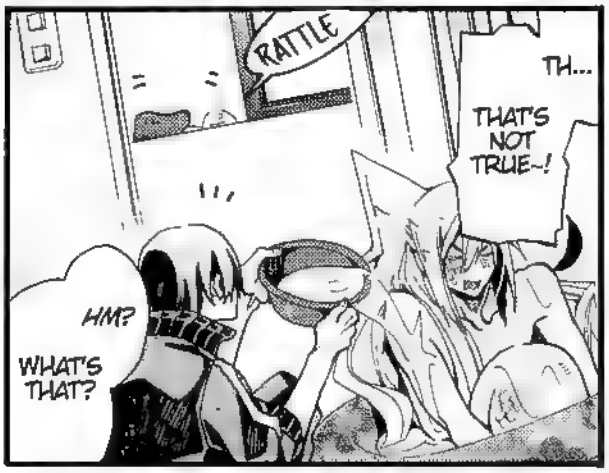
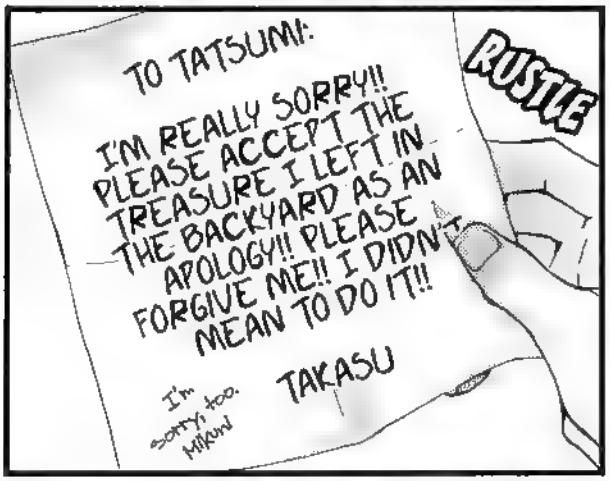
NEW ☆ TUB?!


YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN, THOUGH.
SHAA
SWAY
IT'S CRAMP-ED! I WANT THE TUB...!
HUH ?!

TAKASU AND MIKUNI-SAN CRIED THAT THEY HAD GONE TOO FAR (WHICH THEY HAD) AND LEFT.
SPLISH
SPLISH
EVERY-ONE IS GONE...


RATTLE
TH...
THAT'S NOT TRUE~!
HM?
WHAT'S THAT?

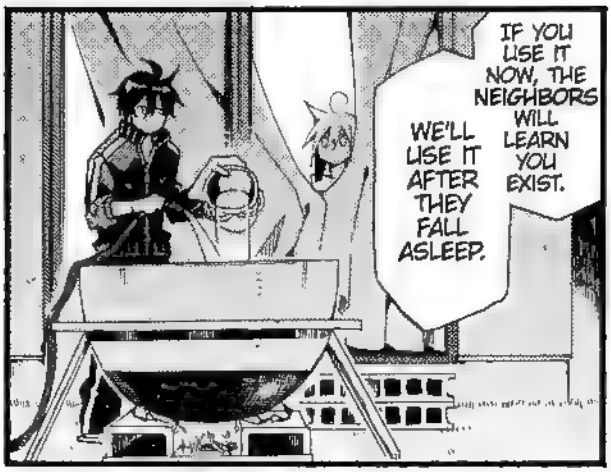
FLINCH
DON'T MOVE!!
?!

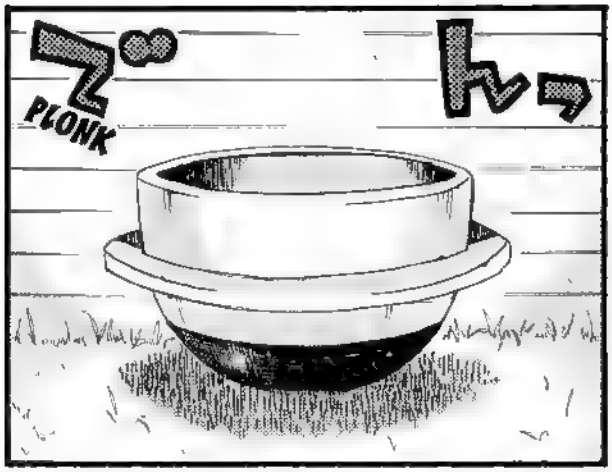

TO TATSUMI:
I'M REALLY SORRY!! PLEASE ACCEPT THE TREASURE I LEFT IN THE BACKYARD AS AN APOLOGY!! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!! I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT!!
TAKASU
I'm sorry, too. Mikuni
RUSTLE

THEY CAN'T PREPARE THE BATH UNTIL TOMOR-ROW.
IT'LL BE HARD TO REFILL THE WATER, SO YOU HAVE TO TREASURE IT.
Y...
YEAH ...!
SPLOSH

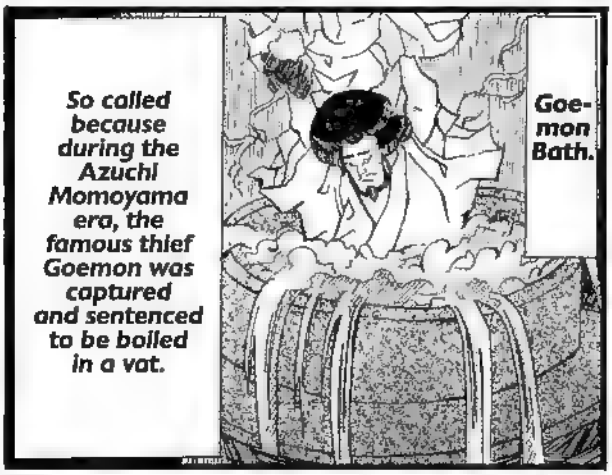
BACK-YARD ...?

THOSE GUYS...


IF YOU LISE IT NOW, THE NEIGHBORS WILL LEARN YOU EXIST.
WE'LL LISE IT AFTER THEY FALL ASLEEP.

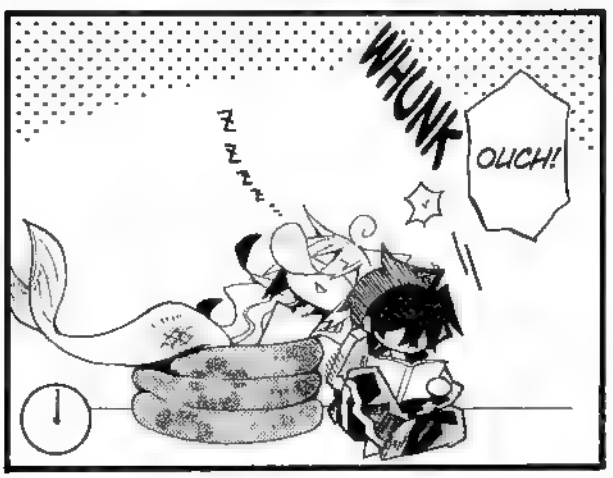

PLONK

SPLISH
WOW!
SPLISH
TAKASU DID A GOOD JOB~!
I'M SO EXCITED!
IT'LL TAKE A WHILE FOR THE WATER TO HEAT UP, SO IT'LL BE PERFECT.


So called because during the Azuchi Momoyama era, the famous thief Goemon was captured and sentenced to be boiled in a vat.
Goe-mon Bath.

NOD
NOD

WOW! AMAZING !!
CRAWL CRAWL
DID HE PULL EVERYONE AWAY TO BRING THIS HERE...?


WHUNK
OUCH!

FREEZE
HEY!!
STOP !!
?!

I'M ROCKING BACK AND FORTH AND IT FEELS NICE...
TAP TAP
MM...
HUH...? I... I'M...
BEING CARRIED LIKE... A PRINCESS...?
WHY SHOULD HE?! I'M A MAN!!
I'M NOT A MERMAID PRINCESS!
WHAT IS HE PLANNING ON?
WH-WH-WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!
HAS MY PRINCE COME TO GET ME...?!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
I'M GOING TO BE BOILED ALIVE ?!!

ビチ
SPLISH
WHEW.
Parts of a barbecue set.
WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE WATER COOLS A BIT TATSUMI
I'M REALLY AWAKE!!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
HM?
WHY?
ARE FINS OKAY TOO?
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GO IN WHILE PUSHING THAT WOODEN BUCKET UNDERNEATH YOU.
OH.
BOBBLE
BOBBLE
SNAP
SNAP
TATSUMI?
THIS SERIOUSLY LOOKS LIKE I'M COOKING SOME KIND OF DISH.

ACHOO!
ARE YOU COLD, TATSUMI?
WHY DON'T YOU GET IN WITH ME!

URK!
I COULDN'T HELP TAKING SOME PICTURES.
AM I ABOUT TO START A COOKING BLOG OR SOMETHING?
OH!
SEND IT TO YOUR LITTLE SISTER!

I'M OKAY.
BUT CAN YOU USE A BATH LIKE THIS EVERY DAY?!
COME ON.

BEEP BEEP
HEH HEH!
LET'S BRAG ABOUT THE GOEMON BATH!

WELL, THAT'S TRUE. I CAN'T.

OH.
SHE REPLIED.
Inbox
xx/xx/xx
Kasumi
Big brother, are you having hot pot tonight? I'm so jealous! I want to eat it with you! (>□<)/
-END-

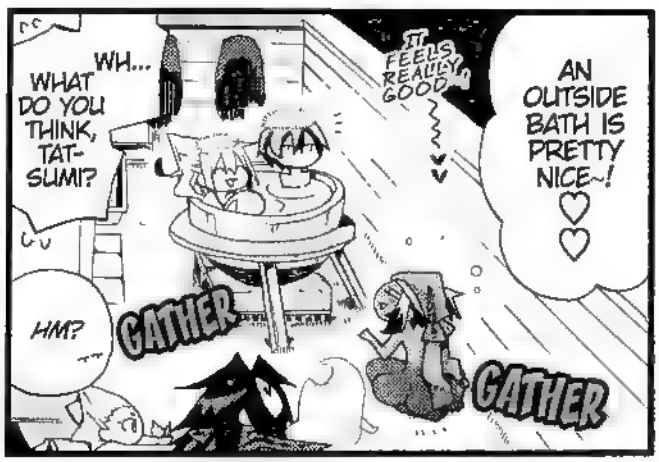
TAKASU DID A GOOD JOB!!
YEAH. BUT THIS ALONE ISN'T ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FORGIVE -- HIM.

SOB SOB
NOW NOW, DON'T GET DEPRESSED

HEY, HEY. TATSUMI.
HM?
WHAT CONSTEL-LATION IS THAT?

JUST KIDDING
HOW'S THE WATER?
TAKASU!
H...
HEY!!

YEAH, IT'S NICE AND HOT.
YOU SHOULD TEST IT OUT, TOO.
SPLASH


AN OUTSIDE BATH IS PRETTY NICE~!♡♡
IT FEELS REALLY GOOD
WH...
WHAT DO YOU THINK, TATSUMI?
HM?
GATHER
GATHER

GYAAAAAA?!
Please do not abuse the Goemon bath.

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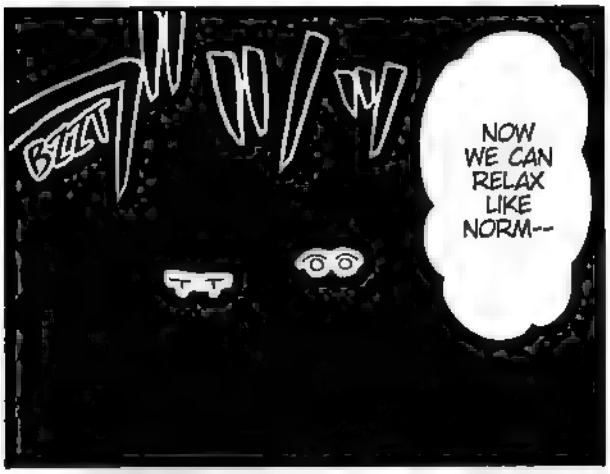
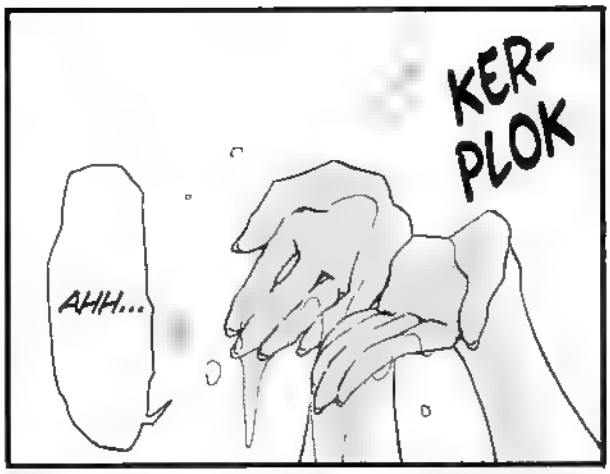
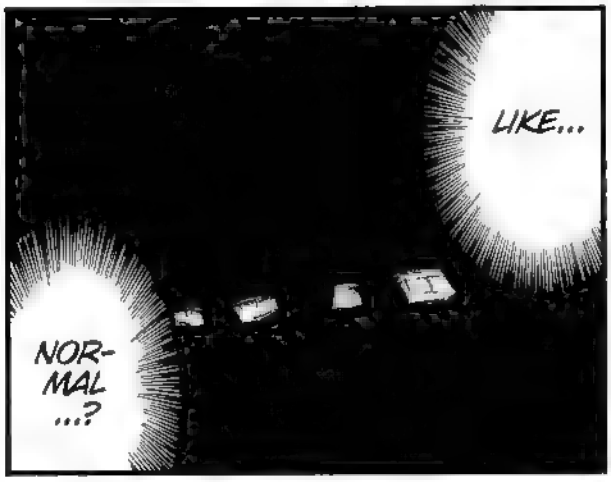
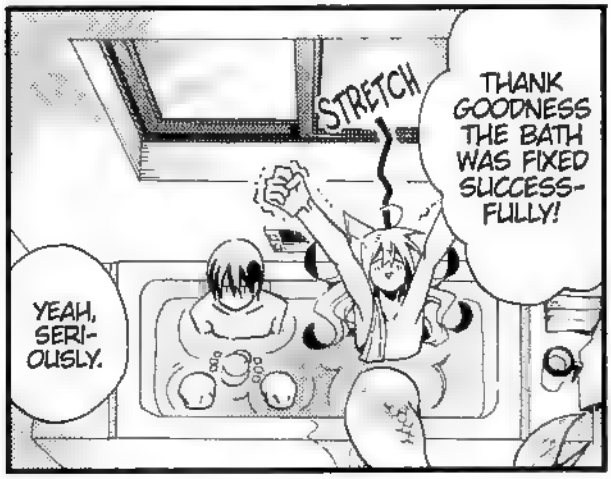

NOW WE CAN RELAX LIKE NORM--


KER-PLOK
AHH...


LIKE...
NOR-MAL ...?


STRETCH
THANK GOODNESS THE BATH WAS FIXED SUCCESS-FULLY!
YEAH, SERI-OUSLY.

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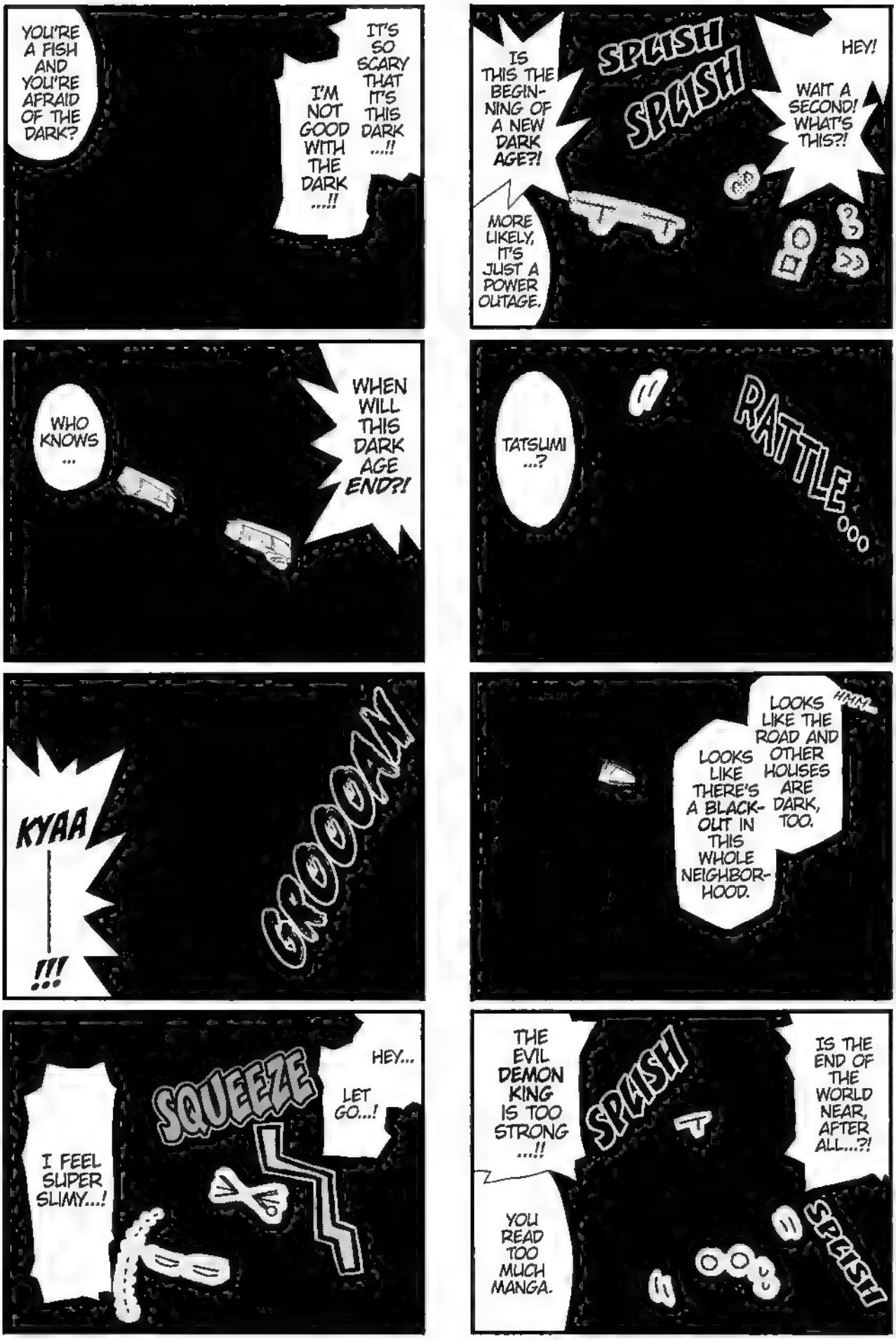
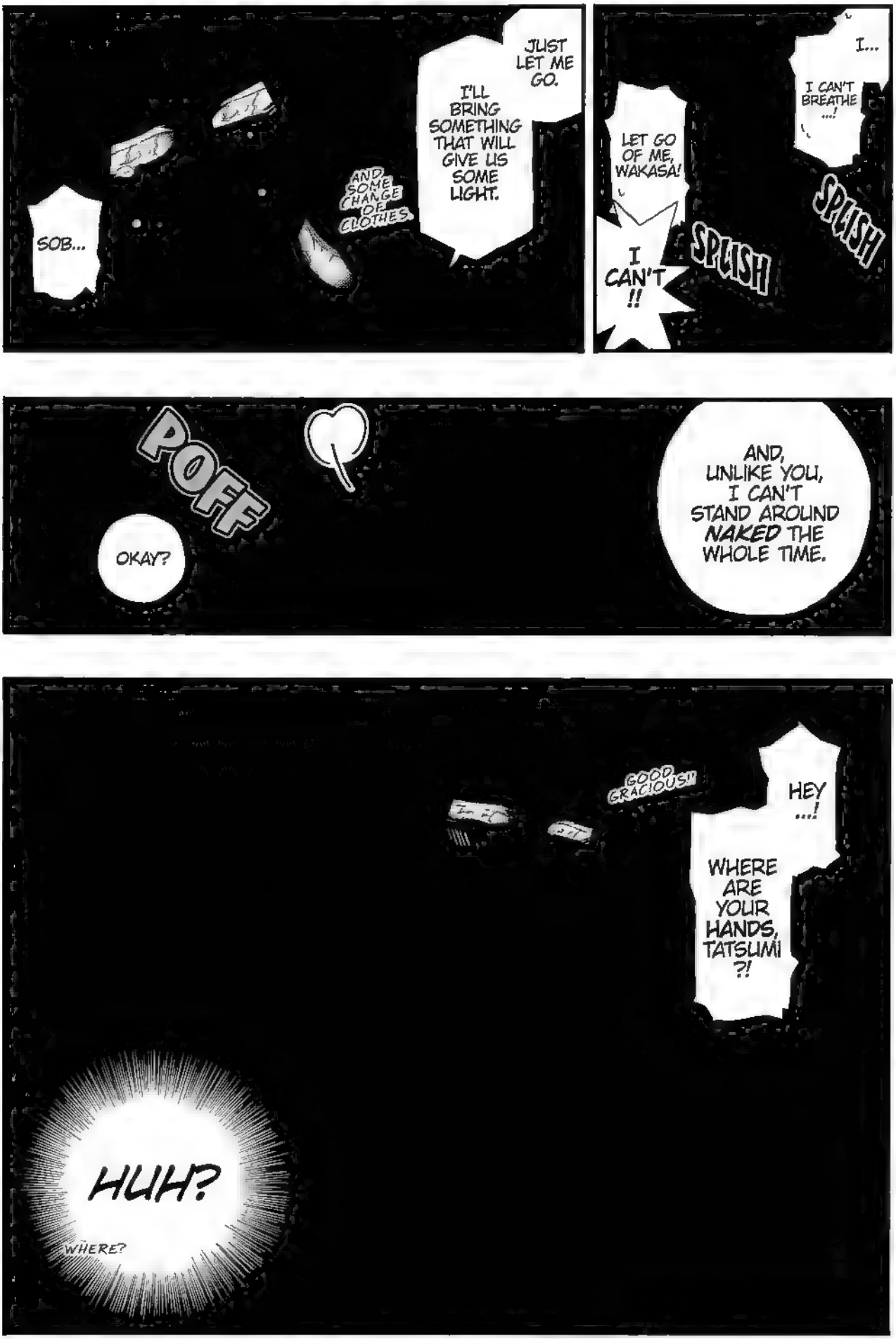
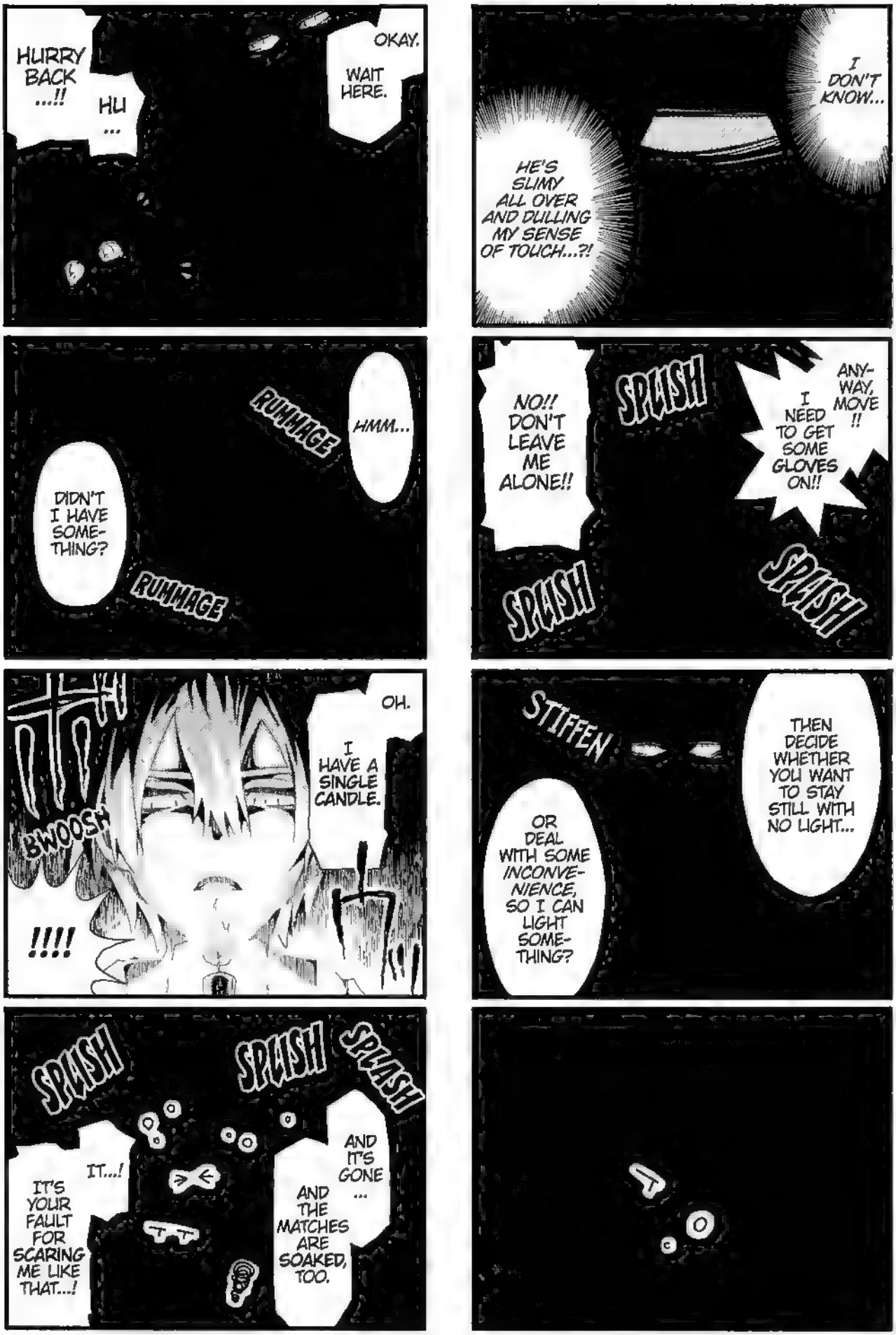
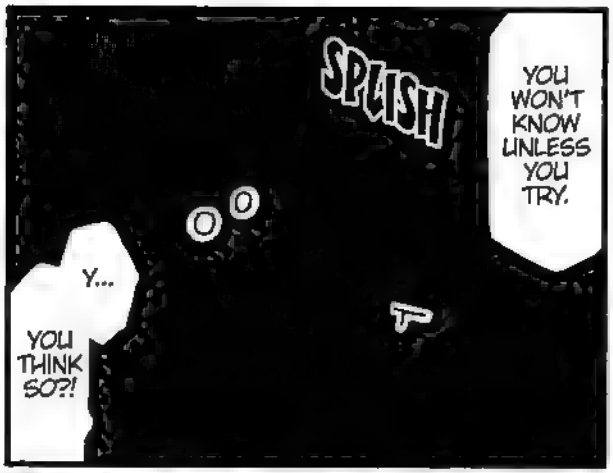
SHINING GIFT


YOU'RE A FISH AND YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE DARK?
I'M NOT GOOD WITH THE DARK ...!!
IT'S SO SCARY THAT IT'S THIS DARK ...!!
SPLISH SPLISH
IS THIS THE BEGIN-NING OF A NEW DARK AGE?!
MORE LIKELY, IT'S JUST A POWER OUTAGE.
HEY!
WAIT A SECOND! WHAT'S THIS?!
WHO KNOWS ...
WHEN WILL THIS DARK AGE END?!
TATSUMI ...?
RATTLE...
KYAA !!!
GROOOAN
HMM
LOOKS LIKE THE ROAD AND OTHER HOUSES ARE DARK, TOO.
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A BLACK-OUT IN THIS WHOLE NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
I FEEL SUPER SLIMY...!
SQUEEZE
HEY... LET GO...!
THE EVIL DEMON KING IS TOO STRONG ...!!
YOU READ TOO MUCH MANGA.
SPLISH
IS THE END OF THE WORLD NEAR, AFTER ALL...?!
SPLISH

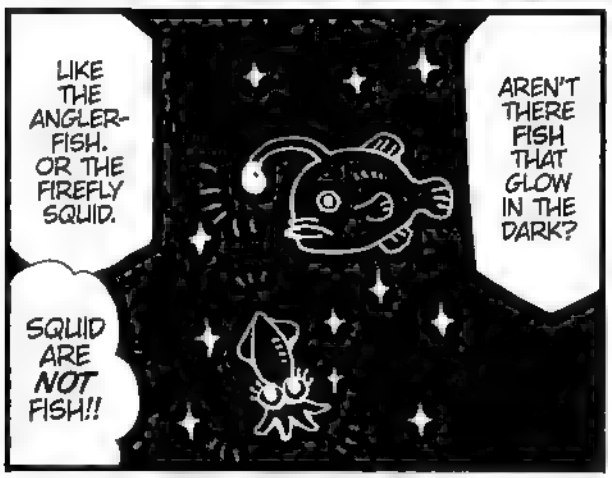

SOB...
I'LL BRING SOMETHING THAT WILL GIVE US SOME LIGHT.
AND SOME CHANGE OF CLOTHES.
JUST LET ME GO.
I...
I CAN'T BREATHE ...!
LET GO OF ME, WAKASA!
I CAN'T !!
SPLISH
SPLASH
POFF
OKAY?
AND, UNLIKE YOU, I CAN'T STAND AROUND NAKED THE WHOLE TIME.
GOOD GRACIOUS!!
HEY ...!
WHERE ARE YOUR HANDS, TATSUMI ?!
HUH?
WHERE?


HURRY BACK ...!!
HU ...
OKAY. WAIT HERE.
I DON'T KNOW...
HE'S SLIMY ALL OVER AND DULLING MY SENSE OF TOUCH...?!
HMM...
RUMMAGE
DIDN'T I HAVE SOME-THING?
RUMMAGE
NO!! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!!
SPLISH
I NEED TO GET SOME GLOVES ON!!
ANY-WAY, MOVE !!
SPLISH
SPLISH
OH.
I HAVE A SINGLE CANDLE.
BWOOSH
!!!!
STIFFEN
OR DEAL WITH SOME INCONVE-NIENCE, SO I CAN LIGHT SOME-THING?
THEN DECIDE WHETHER YOU WANT TO STAY STILL WITH NO LIGHT...
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
IT...!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SCARING ME LIKE THAT...!
AND IT'S GONE ...
AND THE MATCHES ARE SOAKED, TOO.


SPLISH
YOU WON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU TRY.
Y...
YOU THINK SO?!

WE CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS...!!
GASP!
WAIT !!

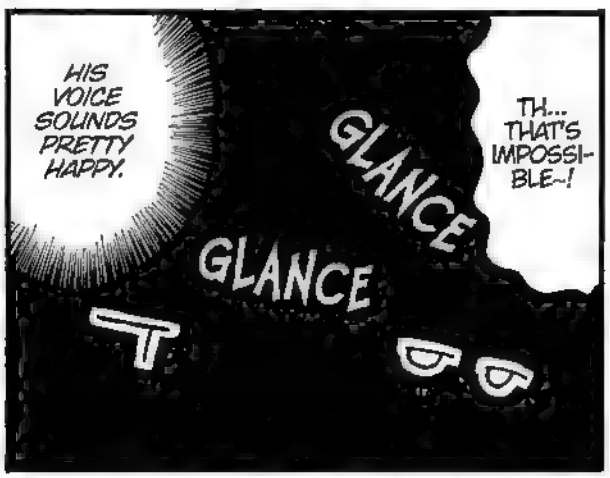
WELL, THEY SAY LIFE IS LIKE A CANDLE FLICKERING IN THE WIND!!
ER, WHEN THEY SAY THAT, THEY DON'T MEAN ANYTHING RELEVANT TO THIS CONVERSATION.


LIKE THE ANGLER-FISH. OR THE FIREFLY SQUID.
AREN'T THERE FISH THAT GLOW IN THE DARK?
SQUID ARE NOT FISH!!

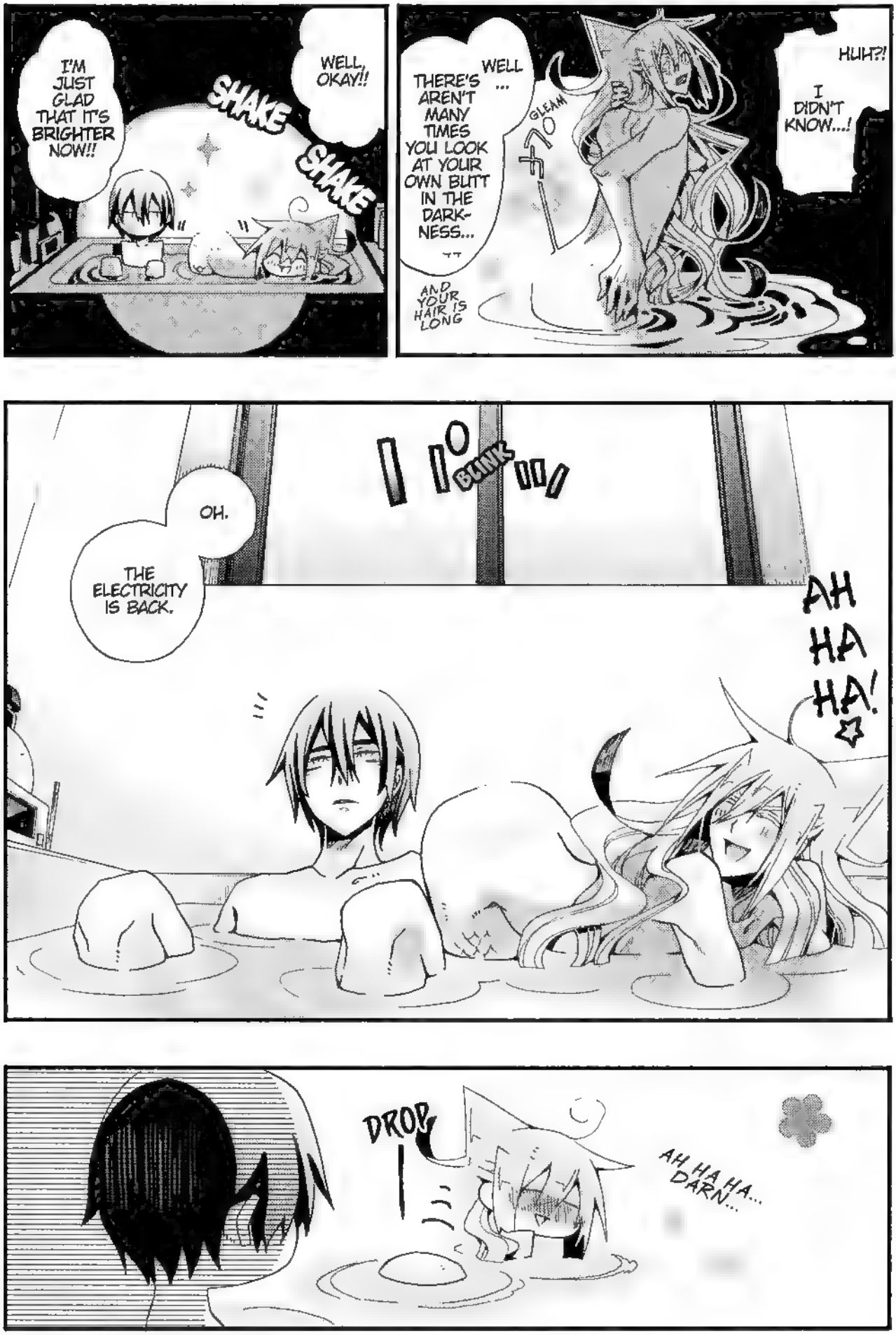
HUMANS ARE ABLE TO BRING OUT UNIMAGINABLE POWERS WHEN THEY ARE IN A PINCH.

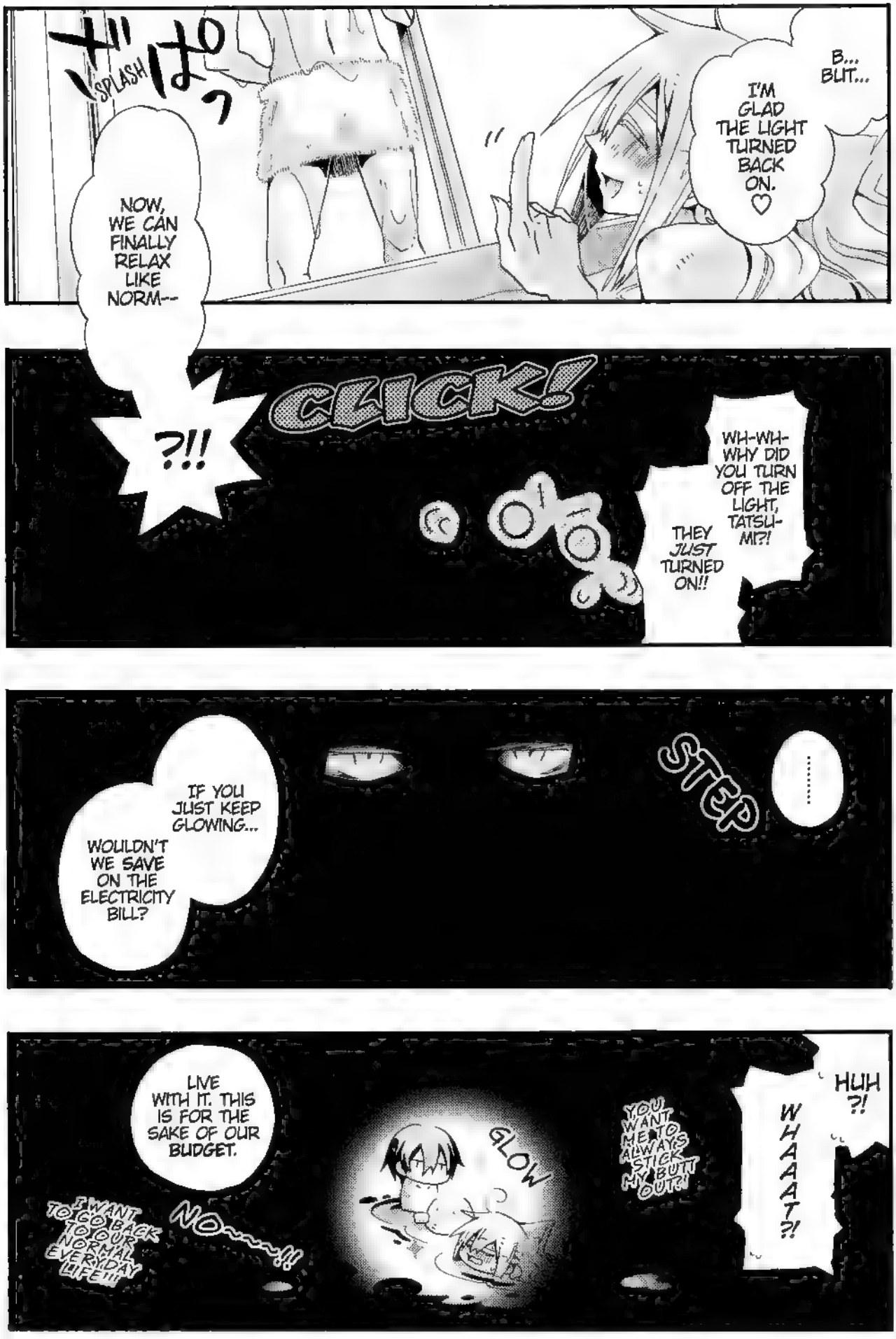
MAYBE SOME PART OF YOU WILL GLOW IF YOU TRY HARD.
HUH?

THA-THUMP
FIGHT!
IT'S TIME TO PROVE MERMEN CAN DO SO, TOO...
WAKA-SA!!
HUH...?


HIS VOICE SOUNDS PRETTY HAPPY.
GLANCE
GLANCE
TH... THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE~!

SPLISH
He can act this way because he can't see Wakosa's face.
FWUP
RELEASE YOUR POWER ...
WAKA-SA!!
GWO-OOOH ...!!!
SPLISH
SO, JUST HURRY UP... I MEAN...
AWAKEN YOUR LUMINES-CENT BACTE-RIA!!
NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GLOW.
GLOW
TOUCH
EVEN IF YOU FLATTER ME, THERE'S NO WAY I'D BE ABLE TO DO THA--
JUST KIDDING, TATSUMI !!
HIS BUTT?!
IS HE A FIREFLY?!


I'M JUST GLAD THAT IT'S BRIGHTER NOW!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
WELL, OKAY!!
WELL ...
THERE'S AREN'T MANY TIMES YOU LOOK AT YOUR OWN BUTT IN THE DARK-NESS...
AND YOUR HAIR IS LONG
GLEAM
HUH?!
I DIDN'T KNOW...!
BLINK
OH.
THE ELECTRICITY IS BACK.
AH HA HA!
DROP
AH HA HA... DARN...


SPLASH
ぱっ
B... BUT...
I'M GLAD THE LIGHT TURNED BACK ON. ♡
NOW, WE CAN FINALLY RELAX LIKE NORM--
?!!
CLICK!
WH-WH-WHY DID YOU TURN OFF THE LIGHT, TATSU-MI?!
THEY JUST TURNED ON!!
STEP
.....
IF YOU JUST KEEP GLOWING...
WOULDN'T WE SAVE ON THE ELECTRICITY BILL?
HUH ?!
WHAAAAT?!
YOU WANT ME TO ALWAYS STICK MY BUTT OUT?!
GLOW
LIVE WITH IT. THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR BUDGET.
I WANT TO GO BACK TO OUR NORMAL EVERYDAY LIFE!!!
NO~~~~!!

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HIC
IT'S ME, HISA-TORA.
FRAYED
LONG TIME NO SHEE! ☆
JUST KID-DING! ☆

SWAY
HEY~! TATSU-BOY!

WHY IS HE SO DRUNK?
SWAY SWAY
HE REEKS OF ALCO-HOL!

WHO ARE YOU!?
HEY, NOW~!
IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR UNCLE?

CHAPTER 57
MANLINESS MAX!! ~PART 1~

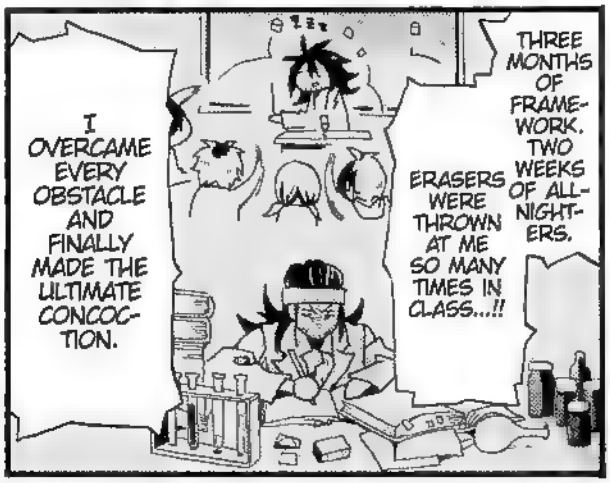
YOU HAVE TO TEST THIS!!
.....

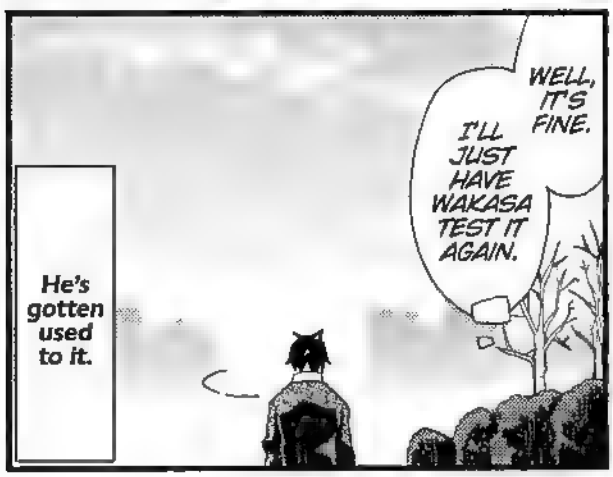
He was captured.
LEAN
STINK
SO...?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

WOBBLE
I'M GONNA GO HOME AND SLEEP...
SO. THAT'S HOW IT IS.
I LEAVE IT... TO YOU...
.....
DRAG
DRAG
MAKE SURE
WOBBLE

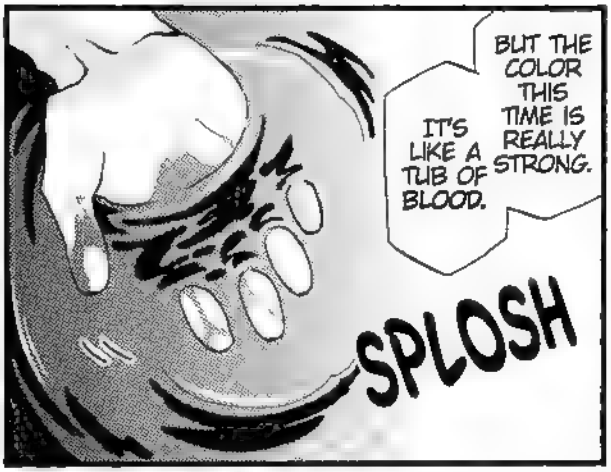
HEH HEH HEH ...
LISTEN TO THIS, TATSU-BOY-!
YOU KNOW... ALL OF MY RESEARCH HAS BEEN FOR THE SAKE OF TWO MONTHS FROM NOW.

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT ...?


THREE MONTHS OF FRAME-WORK. TWO WEEKS OF ALL-NIGHT-ERS.
ERASERS WERE THROWN AT ME SO MANY TIMES IN CLASS...!!
I OVERCAME EVERY OBSTACLE AND FINALLY MADE THE ULTIMATE CONCOC-TION.


He's gotten used to it.
WELL, IT'S FINE.
I'LL JUST HAVE WAKASA TEST IT AGAIN.

SO, HE GAVE UP ON CHRIST-MAS.
DA-DAN!!
VALEN-TINE'S DAY
SUPER POPU-LAR ULTI-MATE PLAN!!!
YAHOO!


SPLOSH
IT'S LIKE A TUB OF BLOOD.
BUT THE COLOR THIS TIME IS REALLY STRONG.

I'M HOME.
GA-CHAK
WEL-COME HOME!
YOU GOT SOME-THING AGAIN !!
SPLISH
SPLISH

WAKA--
SO? DID IT HAVE ANY KIND OF EFFECT?
GRAB

THIS TIME...
IT ALWAYS TURNS OUT TERRI-BLE.
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?

GLARE

I WON-DER.
?
HE SAID HE MADE IT FOR VALEN-TINE'S DAY.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU... POPULAR?

?!

DOO DEE DOO
POOOOUR

OOPS. SORRY ABOUT THAT.
LOOKS LIKE THE HOT WATER HAS GOTTEN TO ME A BIT.
IT STINKS OF ROSES.
HISA-TORA-SAN...
THIS IS AMAZ-ING...
YOU MADE WAKASA MANLY!!
WOW!
Normally.↑

SIZZLE
HMM
BUT, HE'S GOTTEN REALLY MANLY...
AH.

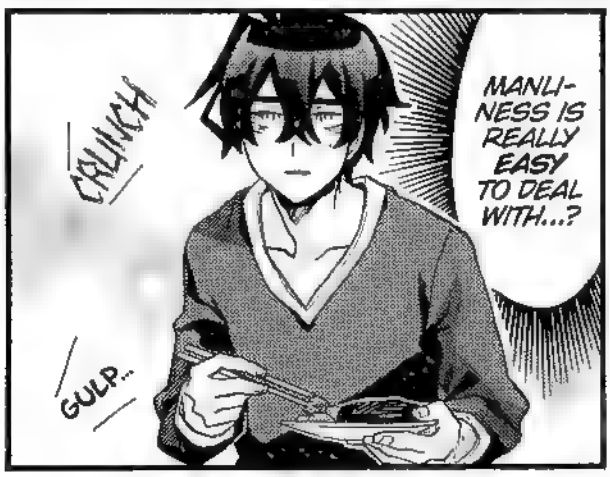
NN
HEH.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TATSUMI?
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY PROPER. EVERYTHING OKAY?
COUGH
COUGH

GA-CHAK
IT'S FINE. THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH.
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG.

I'VE NEVER FELT BETTER.

OH, SO THAT'S WHY IT HAS A NICE CRUNCHY TEXTURE.
CRUNCH
OH, AND I ACCIDENTALLY BURNED IT.

GROWL
THIS IS MY USUAL SELF.


CRUNCH
MANLI-NESS IS REALLY EASY TO DEAL WITH...?
GULP..

LOOKS LIKE HE'S THE SAME AS USUAL ON THE INSIDE.
YOU'RE HUNGRY
GROOOWL
HEH.

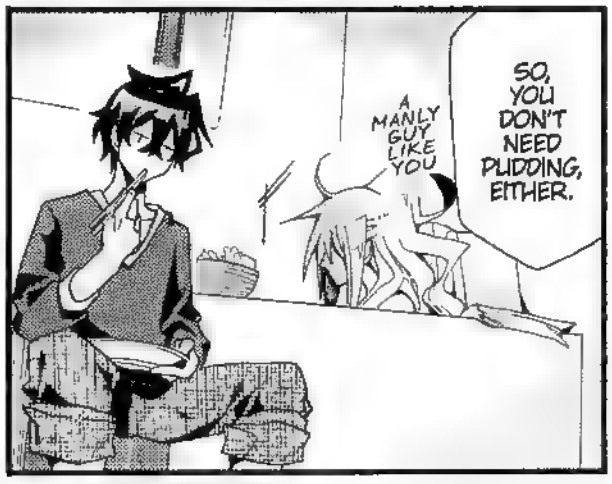
DA-DAN!!
TODAY'S ITEM
PORK MEATBALLS
IT GOES GREAT WITH RICE!!
I WOULD BE HAPPY IF WE HAD PORK MEATBALLS AND WHITE RICE TOMORROW!!
THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO ADD ANY VEGETABLES TO IT!!
IT'S NOT ON HERE!

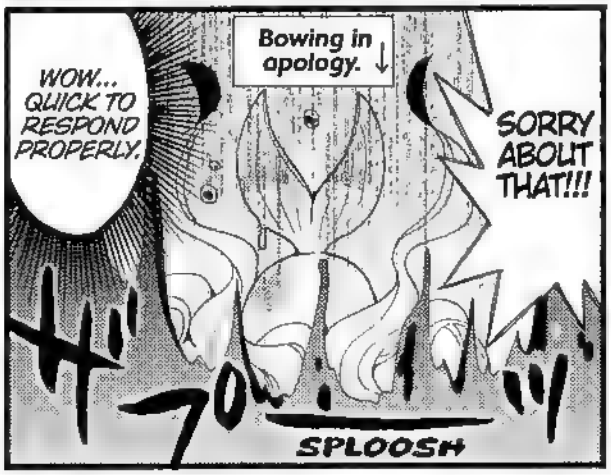
STARE

CLATTER!!
SPLISH
SQUASH

?!
I DON'T NEED THE CARROTS.
IS THIS ALSO MANLINESS?
TOSS

.....


SO, YOU DON'T NEED PUDDING, EITHER.
A MANLY GUY LIKE YOU


Bowing in apology. ↓
WOW... QUICK TO RESPOND PROPERLY.
SORRY ABOUT THAT!!!
SPLOOSH

YEAH.
SUCH A SMALL VOICE!
BUT HE TRIED HARD

CLATTER CLATTER
I SEE.
SO, ABOUT THE PUDDING...
WHAT ABOUT IT?
I FINISHED IT.
I HAVE SPACE FOR DESSERT PUDDING AS WELL.
SPLISH
MUNCH CHEW
THEIR DELICIOUSNESS DOESN'T DAMPEN WITH A LITTLE WATER.
He picked it up.
CLATTER
GA-CHAK
HEY, TATSU-BOY!!
DID YOU USE THAT ALREADY ?!
HUH?
UH.
HISA-TORA-SAN...?!
THE "SUPER PHEROMONES ☆ SEXY MANLINESS BATH SALT" IS TOO MUCH FOR A KID LIKE YOU!!
I WAS TOO DAZED.
CRAP!!
I WAS TOO LATE!!
GWAAAAH!!!

OUT OF MY WAY!! I'M GOING TO BATHE!!
PIIIIP
THIS OLD MAN IS STILL DRUNK!!
CALM DOWN.
WHY ARE YOU HERE, HISA-TORA-SAN?
WHY YOU ASK?
THIS IS MY DAD'S HOUSE. IT'S NOT WEIRD FOR ME TO ENTER IT.
JINGLE
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
Tatsumi's father's little brother.
HEY, TATSU-BOY!
.....
WHO IS THAT?
THIS IS BAD...!

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MANLINESS MAX!! ~PART 2~

FLINCH
GRAB
HEY! TATSU-BOY!!

WHISPER
WHISPER
HEY, WAKASA.
WHAT IS IT?
HIDE YOUR FIN. CAREFULLY.
EH? ALL RIGHT.
SLIP

OH. HE'S DEFINITELY BLOOD-RELATED... TO MY SISTER.
MAN!!!
Little sister's response.
HYA
HYA
HYA!
SWAY
WELL, IT WOULD BE BAD IF IT WAS A WOMAN, BUT..
YOUR ROOM-MATE REALLY WAS A MALE!!
AREN'T YOU BORED ALWAYS HANGING OUT WITH OTHER GUYS?!

HEY.
SPLASH
SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS GUY...
CLUNK
WHAT IN THE WORLD...
IS THIS GUY...?
WHAT TO DO?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HM?
TATSU-BOY?

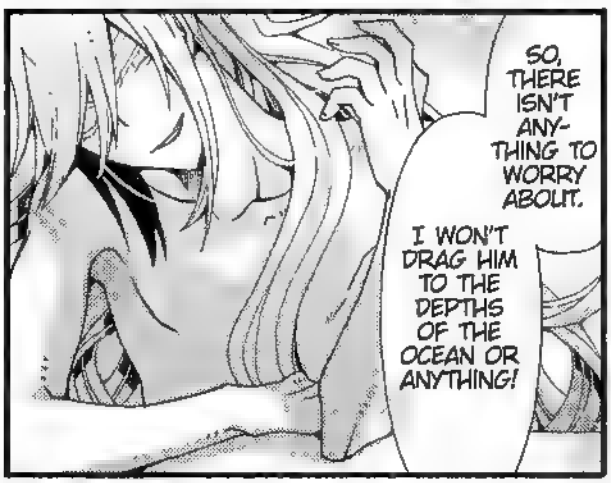
I AM A MER-MAN!!
ARGH! HE'S STILL IN MANLY MODE!
AND IT'S MAXED OUT!
DA-DAN
MAN
MAX
THIS IS BAD...
AT THIS RATE, HE'LL BE FOUND OUT...!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
THIS IS AMAZ-ING!!!
A REAL MER-MAN!!!
HEY, ♫ YOU.
LET ME DO ALL SORTS OF TESTS.
SOME-THING LIKE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN, WAKASA.
WE SHOULD BE CARE-FUL...

SWAY
I SEE. THAT'S GOOD.
WE'RE NOT EXPOSED?
WORRY WORRY
YEAH.

WHISPER WHISPER
I'D DISLIKE THAT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DO YOU WANT TO BE EXPERIMENTED ON?
WHISPER
ARGH, JEEZ! IT'S SO HARD TO DEAL WITH YOU...!

SPLISH
GLATTER
GLATTER
GLATTER
GLATTER
I CAN HELP CLEAN THE BATHROOM.
AND I ALSO LEARNED TO WRITE.
I AM PRACTICALLY HUMAN ALREADY.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE KICKED OUT.
YOU HAVE TO SHOW HIM YOU'RE A HARMLESS REGULAR HUMAN.
I UNDERSTAND!


SO, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I WON'T DRAG HIM TO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN OR ANYTHING!

SWAY
H... HISATORA-SAN.
THIS GUY IS WAKASA.
HE'S STAYING WITH ME FOR... REASONS.
SWAY

STOP IT!
"BEST FRIENDS"?!
WE'RE BEST FRIENDS!

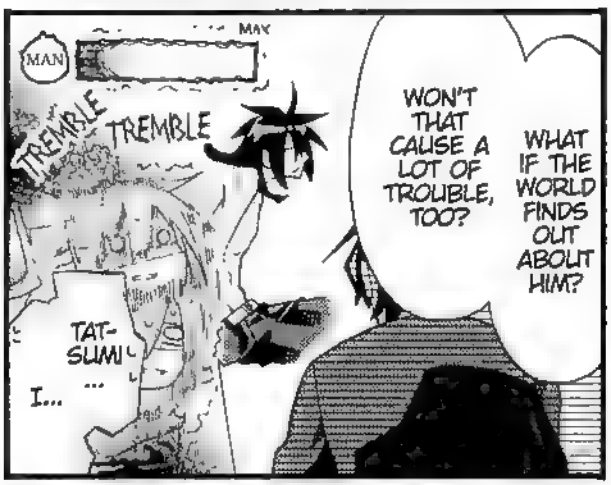
WAFT
I MAY BE A MERMAN IN BODY, BUT I AM HUMAN IN SPIRIT!
WE'RE REALLY CLOSE.

CAN YOU STILL SAY YOU AREN'T CAUSING TROUBLE?
CAN YOU SAY YOU AREN'T CAUSING US ANY WORRY?

I'M TELLING YOU, I'M FINE.
BUT, YOU KNOW-- YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOLER THAT'S LIVING ALONE.
WE WORRY ABOUT YOU A LOT, OKAY?

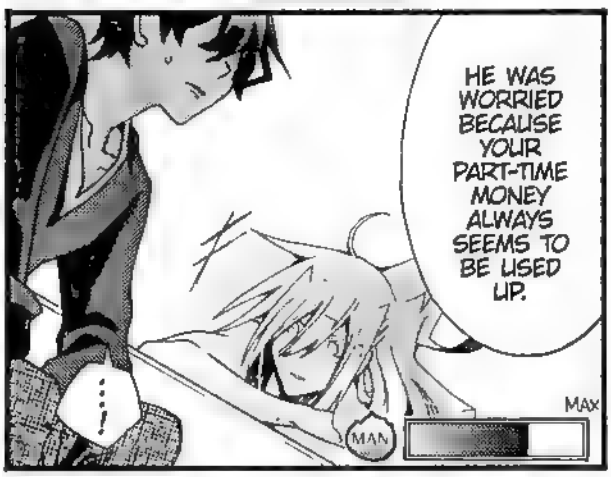
YOU'RE STILL A KID.
SOMEONE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE TAKING CARE OF SOMEONE ELSE YET.

I'M NOT CAUSING ANY TROUBLE.
I THINK


MAN
MAX
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WON'T THAT CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE, TOO?
WHAT IF THE WORLD FINDS OUT ABOUT HIM?
TAT-SUMI ...
I...

REALLY?
I HEARD FROM MY BROTH-ER.
THE WATER HEATING BILLS HAVE REALLY GONE UP.

IF YOU UNDER-STAND, YOU BETTER--
I UNDER-STAND.


HE WAS WORRIED BECAUSE YOUR PART-TIME MONEY ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE USED UP.
...!
MAN
MAX

AND HE FLOPS HIS FIN AROUND A LOT, WASTING WATER... HE BRINGS A LOT OF TROUBLE.
HE'S NOISY AND EATS A LOT.
BLINK BLINK BLINK
MAN
AND PEOPLE WILL WONDER WHAT I'M DOING WHEN I'M STILL BEING SUPPORTED BY MY PARENTS.
IT'S TRUE THAT I PICKED HIM UP WITHOUT THINKING...

BUT...

I KNOW.
.....

IF THE TUB FELL SILENT NOW...
I'D HAVE A HARD TIME.

HUH?
WAVE WAVE
SORRY. SORRY. I SCARED YOU TOO MUCH.

TA-TATSUMI...!
YOU'RE SO MANLY...!!!

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT MY BROTHER IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
JUST TELL HIM THE SITUATION IF THAT'S THE CASE.
HEE HEE!

HUG
READ THE ATMO-SPHERE!
HEY. STOP...

RUSTLE RUSTLE
YOU SHOULD DEPEND ON ADULTS MORE!
YOU'RE STILL A KID.
THAT'S ALL I CAME TO SAY

PFFT!

WELL.
I DIDN'T KNOW MERMEN REALLY EXISTED.
IT TICKLES
CAN I TOUCH YOU?

HISA-TORA-SAN...?
AH HA HA! HA HA HA HA HA!

HE WENT HOME.
HE'S LIKE A PASSING STORM.
I'M TIRED... I'M GOING TO TAKE A BATH...
I'LL TAKE HER OFF YOUR HANDS.
SEE YA!
BUT, WELL.
NEXT TIME YOU PICK ONE UP, GET ONE WITH BIGGER BREASTS.
HE HAD SUCH STEADY EYES ON HIM.
LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T NEED A WOMAN FOR A WHILE.
PANG
HUH...? MY HEAD HURTS...
Next day.
MY SPECIAL FORMULA IS GONE. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN YESTERDAY...?
CRAP, CAN'T REMEMBER

To be continued...

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WE WILL RESPOND TO THE ILLUSTRATIONS AND QUESTIONS WE COLLECTED FROM VOLUME 3!!
WE GOT SO MANY LETTERS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH~! ☆
IN CELEBRATION OF THE TV ANIME ANNOUNCEMENT?!
オレ家のウラ事情 special!!
THE BACKGROUND CIRCUMSTANCES OF MERMAN IN MY TUB
REQUEST 1 I WANT TO SEE THIS KIND OF ILLUSTRATION.
ITOKICHI-SENSEI'S RESPONSE ILLUSTRATION IS ON THE NEXT PAGE ☆

"I WANT TO SEE THIS KIND OF ILLUSTRATION." I RECEIVED VARIOUS REQUESTS, BUT I DECIDED ON...
女体化
FEMINIZATION.
I TOOK THIS CHANCE TO DRAW A FULL PAGE IMAGE!!
WHERE IS BROTHER...?
AGAR!! COVER YOUR CHEST!!
GOROMARU, TOO!!
TEE HEE.
EEK!

KASUMI-CHI...?
FEAR OF MISSING OUT.

REQUEST 2 READER'S ILLUSTRATION CORNER

I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE WONDERFUL ART PEOPLE HAVE SENT ME!!

PN たろう

PN 黒須零

PN おりむら

PN ひめりんご

PN 木内充紀

PN 刹那

PN もち

PN 彰無契

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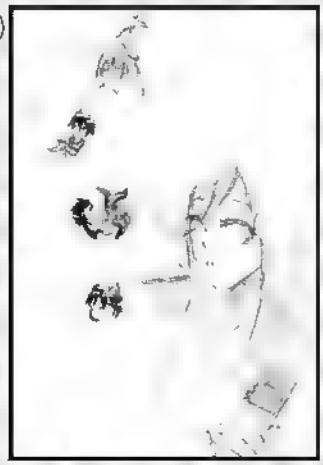

PN 冬いち

PN Tu10vemomo

PN 鳥羽居綾

PN カルハ

REQUEST 3 QUESTIONS FOR ITOKICHI-SENSEI

Q1 WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER?

A I love Kasumi the best. I also love drawing her the most. Next would be Takasu.

Q2 MIKUNI-SAN'S HAIR IS DRAWN CURLED TO THE RIGHT THEN CURLED TO THE LEFT IN THE NEXT PANEL SOMETIMES. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT? (PN. NEKOKABURI)

A This... I didn't realize it until you said something...! That's what it was all about... Let's leave it at that... (laugh)

Q3 IN A PREVIOUS CHAPTER, TAKASU-SAN GAVE TATSUMI-SAN HIS OWN LEG, SAYING, "THIS SHOULD HELP YOU OUT!" DID HE EAT THAT? DIDN'T IT HURT? (CRY) TAKASU'S MANLINESS IS VERY COOL!!

A He didn't eat it. Tatsumi is very polite so he only thanked him for the offer. Life can bring you pain, but as long as you have manliness you can overcome it!

Q4 I REALLY WANT TO KNOW KASUMI-CHAN'S AGE!! I ALSO WANT TO KNOW HOW BIG MAKI-SAN IS INSIDE HIS SHELL? HE STRETCHES A LOT AND I'M CURIOUS. (PN. YUKISA)

A Kasumi is a second grader! (Decided during the anime meeting) Maki's shell is about 7 cm [3 inches] and his body wraps about inside of it. How big he is... I leave it to your imagination. (laugh)

Q5 MAKI-SAN'S BODY STRETCHED A LOT DURING THE ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE, ONE POEM TOURNAMENT. HOW FAR CAN HE STRETCH? (PN. MOMU!!)

A If he tries hard he can stretch twice his body length!

Q6 PLEASE TELL ME THE PROFILES OF ALL YOUR CHARACTERS. ♪ I REALLY WANT TO KNOW!! ESPECIALLY THEIR BIRTHDAYS~! ♪

A When I asked them about that, they replied, "How does someone know the day they were born?" Sorry!

Q7 I THINK KURAYAMA-SAN IS REALLY CUTE AND LOVE HER. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU CAN GIVE ME (OR SET) HER DETAILED PROFILE! (PN. KURUMI)

A Thank you very much! That makes me so happy! Kurayama-san's profile is at the top.

Q8 WILL KASUMI MEET TAKASU AND THE OTHERS? (PN. KIMERA)

A. No. If they met her, she could get into a situation that may get me kicked out of the publishing company

Q9 ARE SOUSUKE'S BIG SISTERS FUJOUSHI? (PN. ITOU)

A. His big sisters love cute boys.

Q10 WHO IS THE STRONGEST IN ARM WRESTLING AMONG THE MERMAN IN MY TUB CHARACTERS?

A. Agari > Wakasa > Tatsumi > Takasu > Sousuke > Mikuni > Goromaru > Unbeatable Hurdle > Maki.

Q11 WHAT IS THE POINTY PART OF WAKASA'S HEAD? (PN. PUKUPUKU)

A. That is the top of his ponytail, but the point got stronger as I continued drawing... It's a drawing issue.

Q12 EVERYONE WHO APPEARS IN MERMAN IN MY TUB IS FROM THE "SEA" BUT WILL ANYONE FROM RIVERS OR LAKES APPEAR? FOR INSTANCE, TURTLES, GOLDFISH, FRESHWATER CRABS... I RECOMMEND THE MEXICAN SALAMANDER! THOUGH, IT'S THE KIND OF SLIMY THING THAT TATSUMI HATES. (CRY) (PN. TATSUBOSHI)

A. Wakasa lived in the sea for a long time, so all of his friends and acquaintances are from there. Mexican salamanders... I love them so it makes me want them to appear too...

Q13 ISN'T KURAYAMA-SAN TOO CUTE?? (PN. MIKU)

A. Thank you very much.

Q14 PLEASE EXPLAIN AGARI-NESE TO ME!!

A. A) Snaap (This is) Snaaap (the basics) Snaaaap (of Agari-nese).

Q15 HOW DO YOU START DRAWING YOUR CHARACTERS? (FROM THE FACE, EYES~!) (PN. YUNE)

A. From the face. First I make the general head, then the nose, then mouth, then eyes, then hair. I am bad at mouths and noses!

Q16 IS WAKASA A SALTWATER FISH? FRESHWATER? HE HAS LIVED IN THE RIVERS, BUT HAS FRIENDS FROM THE SEA. I WORK AT A SUSHI RESTAURANT AND I AM VERY CURIOUS.

A. He is more of a saltwater fish. But his top half is human so he can go into any type of water. Please work hard at your job! (Sushi... [drool])

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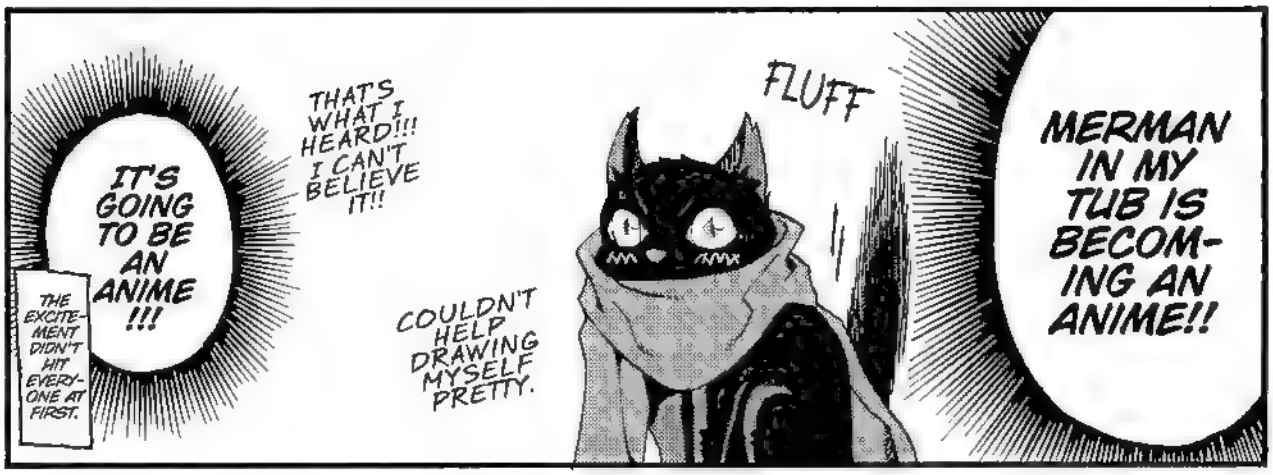
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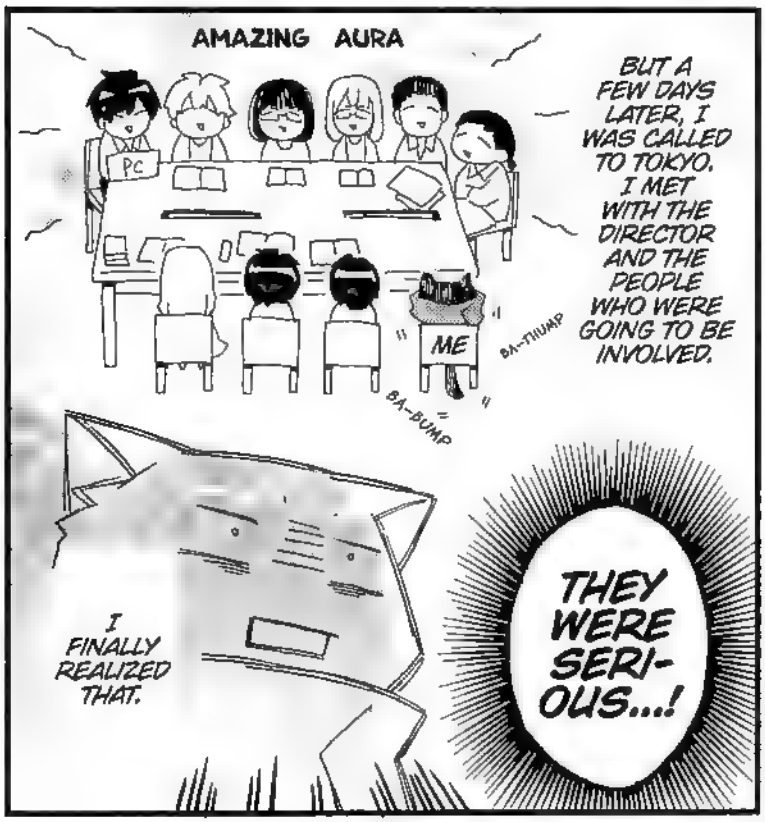
FLUFF
COULDN'T HELP DRAWING MYSELF PRETTY.
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD!!! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
IT'S GOING TO BE AN ANIME !!!
THE EXCITE-MENT DIDN'T HIT EVERY-ONE AT FIRST.


AMAZING AURA
BUT A FEW DAYS LATER, I WAS CALLED TO TOKYO. I MET WITH THE DIRECTOR AND THE PEOPLE WHO WERE GOING TO BE INVOLVED.
Pc
ME
BA-THUMP
BA-BUMP
I FINALLY REALIZED THAT.
THEY WERE SERI-OUS...!

WHEN I FIRST GOT THE CALL...
MANGA CAFÉ
RRRR
THE ICE CREAM IS DELI-CIOUS!
EDITOR
IT'S GOING TO BECOME AN ANIME.
SERIOUSLY? REALLY? THAT'S GREAT. OKAY.
I'M VERY ~~SUSPI-CIOUS~~ CAREFUL SO I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT.
THIS ICE CREAM IS AWE-SOME!

WATCH THE ANIME!!!
IT LOOKS LIKE WAKASA, TATSUMI, AND THE OCTOPUS AND OTHERS WILL MOVE AS IF THEIR DRAWINGS ARE ALIVE!!
AMAZING!!
AND THE ANIMATORS WHO FOUND THIS COMIC.
MY EDITOR AND FRIENDS WHO ALWAYS HELP ME OUT!!!
SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!
THIS WONDERFUL THING HAS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!!!
CHU
CHU

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HEY, TATSUMI ...
MUAH
HUFF. HUFF
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT SUMMER DAY...?
MUAH

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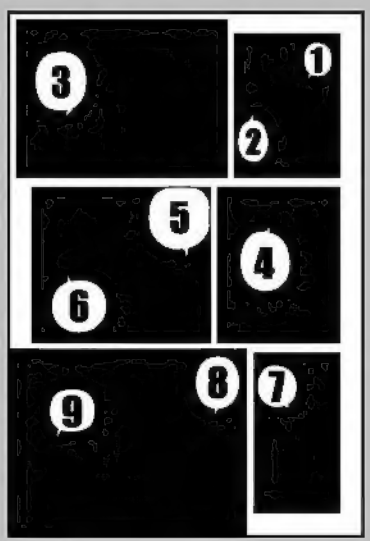

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